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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors, closed session held today.]

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MEETING WILL PLEASE COME TO ORDER. THE  
7   PRAYER WILL BE BY PASTOR JAMES SCHOENROCK FROM EMMANUEL  
8   LUTHERAN CHURCH, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT. THE  
9   PLEDGE BY LEVON BROOKS, PETE VALDEZ, SR. POST NUMBER 2,  
10   AM.VETS., CULVER CITY, FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT.

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12   **PASTOR JAMES SCHOENROCK:** THANK YOU. LET US PAUSE FOR PRAYER.  
13   PLEASE STAND. ALMIGHTY CREATOR AND SUSTAINER OF LIFE AND HUMAN  
14   COMMUNITY, WE CALL UPON YOUR PRESENCE THIS DAY TO GUIDE THIS  
15   MEETING OF OUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP. MAY THEIR DECISIONS BE  
16   GUIDED BY THE TRUST WE PLACE IN THEM, THE CONCERN FOR THE  
17   COMMON WELFARE OF ALL THE CITIZENS THEY SERVE, AND THE  
18   KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT IS GOOD AND BENEFICIAL. WE CANNOT KNOW HOW  
19   DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX THE TASK OF GOVERNING THE LARGEST AND  
20   MOST POPULATED COUNTY IN OUR NATION MUST BE. SO WE AS  
21   RESIDENTS MUST BE THANKFUL NOT ONLY FOR THE COUNTLESS HOURS OF  
22   SERVICE THEY SPEND BUT ALSO FOR THE COMBINED SERVICE OF ALL  
23   THEIR STAFF AND THE MANY EMPLOYEES WHOSE LABOR FOR THIS COUNTY  
24   OF LOS ANGELES. BE IT EVER MINDFUL OF ALL THAT MUST BE  
25   ACCOMPLISHED. MAY YOU BLESS THIS DAY'S DELIBERATIONS IN THE



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1 NAME OF ALL THAT IS RIGHTEOUS AND IN WHICH WE PLACE OUR HOPE  
2 FOR TOMORROW. AMEN.

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4 **LEVON BROOKS:** WOULD YOU PLEASE PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART  
5 FOR OUR PLEDGE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COME ON  
10 OVER HERE, PASTOR. WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING  
11 BY PASTOR JAMES SCHOENROCK, WHO HAS BEEN THE SENIOR PASTOR AT  
12 THE EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD FOR THE LAST  
13 13 YEARS. THE CHURCH INCLUDES LAUREL HALL DAY SCHOOL, AN EARLY  
14 CHILDHOOD CENTER WITH AN ENROLLMENT OF 750 CHILDREN FROM  
15 PRESCHOOL THROUGH THE EIGHTH GRADE, MAKING IT ONE OF THE  
16 LARGEST SCHOOLS IN THE VALLEY. HE HAS ALSO SERVED THE  
17 COMMUNITY AS A THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH  
18 HOLLYWOOD, A PAST MEMBER OF THE MIDTOWN NORTH HOLLYWOOD  
19 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AND CO-CHAIR OF THE CLERGY COUNCIL FOR  
20 NORTH HOLLYWOOD LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT DIVISION. PASTOR  
21 SCHOENROCK HAS BEEN MARRIED TO HIS WIFE DIANE FOR 37 YEARS,  
22 AND SHE'S A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AT THE CHURCH'S SCHOOL IN  
23 LAUREL HALL. SO, PASTOR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LEADING US IN  
24 PRAYER THIS MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR  
25 COMMUNITY AND OUR DISTRICT.





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2 **PASTOR JAMES SCHOENROCK:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME AS OUR  
5 PLEDGE VETERAN LEVON BROOKS. AND HE IS FROM THE AM.VETS. PETE  
6 VALDEZ, SR. POST NUMBER 2 CULVER CITY. HE'S THIRD VICE  
7 PRESIDENT. HE WAS IN THE MILITARY FROM '74 TO '78 AS A PRIVATE  
8 FIRST CLASS IN THE ARMY, IN THE FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY 25TH  
9 INFANTRY DIVISION. AND HE IS RETIRED. HE'S JOINED HERE BY HIS  
10 FIANCEE, JACQUELINE HOLLY, AND SHE'S HERE IN THE FRONT ROW. HE  
11 LIVED IN THE DISTRICT FOR 10 YEARS. HE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL IN  
12 FLORIDA AT JEFFERSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL. WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AS SOON AS WE'RE-- WE'LL START THE AGENDA.  
15 WE'LL WAIT A SECOND FOR SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
18 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR THE  
19 MEETING OF THE SANITATION DISTRICT, NUMBER 27 AND 35, ITEMS 1  
20 THROUGH 3.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT  
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
2 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
8 AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 3-H.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
11 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
14 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICTS, ITEMS 1-P AND 2-P. AND ON ITEM 1-P,  
15 THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE CORRECTION AS INDICATED ON THE  
16 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY KNABE.  
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12.  
22 ON ITEM NUMBER 9, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS  
23 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 11, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING  
25 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA; WITHOUT  
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 13 THROUGH 42. ON  
6 ITEM NUMBER 16, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
7 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. YES. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, AS INDICATED ON THE  
8 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
9 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2008.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 18, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
14 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 22,  
15 THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
16 AGENDA, AND ALSO SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
17 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 24, AS  
18 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
19 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
20 SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2008.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 26, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
25 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 29,





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1   THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
2   ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 31, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS  
3   THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, REFERRED BACK.

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7   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 32, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF  
8   PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS  
9   DEPARTMENT.

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 32 WILL BE REFERRED BACK WITHOUT  
12   OBJECTION.

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14   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 35, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
15   MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 36, THE  
16   ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
17   REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT.

18

19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 36, WITHOUT OBJECTION WILL BE RETURNED  
20   BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

21

22   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 42, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
23   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER  
24   16TH, 2008.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TO CLOSED SESSION? ALL RIGHT. ITEM 42 WILL  
2    BE REFERRED TO CLOSED SESSION.

3

4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER  
5    THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

6

7    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY;  
8    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 36, THAT WAS REFERRED BACK  
11   TO THE DEPARTMENT.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON ITEM 32?

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15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 32 WAS ALSO REFERRED BACK TO THE  
16   DEPARTMENT.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW. I DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE AN  
19   OBJECTION TO THAT. I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE DIRECTOR, THE ACTING  
20   DIRECTOR ANSWER A COUPLE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. I MOVE TO HOLD  
21   IT, RECONSIDER AND WE HOLD IT. WE WILL REFER IT.

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,  
24   SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH TO RECONSIDER ITEM 32. AND 32 WILL BE  
25   HELD.



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**CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE ON PAGE 22. ORDINANCE FOR  
INTRODUCTION, ITEM 43. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR  
THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATED TO BILINGUAL PAY  
PROVISIONS, THE ADDITION, DELETION AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN  
CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS  
DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF CLASSIFICATION  
STUDIES AND TO MAKE MINOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS. THERE'S ALSO  
A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

11

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT WILL BE HELD.

13

**CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 44 AND 45, FOR  
BOTH I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM  
NUMBER 44, THIS IS A TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S  
RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
AND SALE OF COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL  
OBLIGATION BONDS 2002, ELECTION SERIES 2008-B IN AGGREGATE  
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15 MILLION.

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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 45, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX  
2 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
3 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008  
4 CAPITAL PROJECT NOTES IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
5 EXCEED \$50 MILLION.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT  
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 23, DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM 46 WE  
11 WILL HOLD FOR A PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 24, MISCELLANEOUS  
12 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS  
13 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
14 AGENDA, ITEM 47-A.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT  
17 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
21 DISTRICT NUMBER 3.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE ONE PRESENTATION. I'M VERY PLEASED  
24 TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE HONORABLE DIANA STROFOVA.  
25 SHE'S THE DEPUTY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR THE SLOVAK



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1 REPUBLIC. SHE'S HERE ON HER VISIT TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHE  
2 SERVED AS A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR FOUR YEARS BECOMING  
3 DEPUTY MINISTER. AND WHILE IN LOS ANGELES, SHE WILL MEET WITH  
4 OUR SHERIFF TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPLORE NEW AREAS OF  
5 COOPERATION. WE WELCOME YOUR EFFORTS AND HOPE THAT YOUR VISIT  
6 WILL BE PLEASANT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE A LOT OF  
7 BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WE'RE VERY  
8 PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **DIANA STROFOVA:** DISTINGUISHED MADAME CHAIR, DISTINGUISHED  
11 MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD, DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA,  
12 FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOU THE WARMEST AND REALLY  
13 THE HEARTFUL GREETING FROM MY NATION, FROM SLOVAKS. I'M COMING  
14 FROM A SMALL COUNTRY JUST IN THE MIDDLE OF EUROPE. THIS  
15 COUNTRY IS BEAUTIFUL. IT STARTS BY BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS, GOES  
16 THROUGH BEAUTIFUL MEADOWS AND VALLEYS. AND IT ENDS IN  
17 BEAUTIFUL CITIES AND VILLAGES. WE ARE A VERY HEARTFUL AND  
18 PEACEFUL PEOPLE. HERE IN CALIFORNIA I WAS ON A VISIT. MY  
19 PRESIDENT, MR. GASPAROVIC AND I, ARE MAKING SOME FOLLOW UP OF  
20 HIS VISITS AND WOULD LIKE TO FILL HIS MESSAGE THAT RELATIONS  
21 BETWEEN SLOVAKIA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE VERY WARM, AND WE  
22 SHOULD BUILD UP ON THE VERY SERIOUS AND GOOD FRAME THAT WAS  
23 STARTED ALREADY IN THE LONG HISTORY. MY COUNTRY REPRESENTS ONE  
24 OF THE SMALL COUNTRIES IN EUROPE WHICH WENT THROUGH TREMENDOUS  
25 CHANGES WITH A LOT OF REFORM OF SOCIAL, HEALTH, SCHOOL SYSTEM.





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1 AND TODAY WE ARE READY TO COMPETE WITHIN ALL THE EUROPEAN  
2 UNION. I'M VERY PROUD TO REPRESENT TODAY MY COUNTRY IN FRONT  
3 OF YOU AND OFFER YOU A POSSIBILITY TO LEARN SOMETHING MORE  
4 ABOUT US. MAYBE ALSO INSPIRE YOU TO TRAVEL TO SLOVAKIA, LIKE  
5 ON TOURISTIC, SO ON BUSINESS REASONS, BECAUSE TO BE HONEST,  
6 THERE ARE ALREADY MANY OF U.S. COMPANIES COMING TO SLOVAK  
7 REPUBLIC TO UNDERTAKE. AND THERE ARE MANY SLOVAKIAN  
8 ENTREPRENEURS EXPLORING NOT ONLY THE TERRITORY OF THE EAST  
9 CORRIDOR, BUT ALSO WEST CORRIDOR OF THE UNITED STATES. SO I'LL  
10 BE VERY PLEASED TO SEE ALL OF YOU IN SLOVAKIA IN MAYBE A SHORT  
11 PERIOD SO THAT WE CAN DEVELOP EVEN BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN  
12 OUR TWO SIDES AND REALLY ONE MORE TIME, ALL THE BEST FROM THE  
13 CITIZENS OF SLOVAK REPUBLIC.

14

15 **SUP:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR KNABE.

18 [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
21 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME A COUPLE  
22 SPECIAL GUESTS THIS MORNING. AND FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO ASK  
23 PAM LEESTMA TO JOIN ME HERE. TODAY WE ARE RECOGNIZING PAM FOR  
24 BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF THE FIVE SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE  
25 UNITED STATES TO RECEIVE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S



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1 NATIONAL AMERICAN STARS OF TEACHING AWARD. SHE'S GOING TO  
2 RECEIVE THIS HONOR AT THE NATIONAL PRIVATE SCHOOLS CONFERENCE  
3 ON SEPTEMBER 26TH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. PAM HAS BEEN TEACHING  
4 FOR 33 YEARS, HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN  
5 TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. SHE CURRENTLY TEACHES SECOND GRADE AT  
6 VALLEY CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BELLFLOWER WHERE SHE  
7 INCORPORATES HER LOVE OF SPACE INTO HER CURRICULUM. SHE  
8 ATTENDED THE N.A.S.A. WORKSHOP AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE IN  
9 2002 WHICH ALLOWED HER TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM FOR PROMOTING  
10 GLOBAL FRIENDSHIP WITH TEACHERS AND STUDENTS THROUGH  
11 N.A.S.A.'S DIGITAL LEARNING NETWORK. SHE HELPED ORGANIZE A HAM  
12 RADIO DOWNLINK WITH THE ASTRONAUTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE  
13 STATIONS FOR STUDENTS IN TURKEY. SHE ALSO SERVES ON THE BOARD  
14 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY SPACE SOCIETY. ON MAY 12TH, 2008-- AND I  
15 HAPPENED TO BE THERE-- PAM AND HER STUDENTS FROM NEW YORK CITY  
16 SHARED IN A N.A.S.A. DOWNLINK WHERE THE UNITED STATES  
17 ASTRONAUT DEREK RICEMAN ANSWERED QUESTIONS FROM SECOND AND  
18 SIXTH GRADERS. THEY WATCHED HIM FLOAT ON THE INTERNATIONAL  
19 SPACE STATION ON A BIG SCREEN ON BELLFLOWER CITY HALL. SO ON  
20 BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND ALL THE RESIDENTS OF  
21 THIS GREAT COUNTY, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE PAM FOR THIS GREAT  
22 ACHIEVEMENT AS THE NATIONAL AMERICAN STAR OF TEACHING AWARD,  
23 ONE OF ONLY FIVE IN THE UNITED STATES. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF  
24 HER. HER FAMILY AND I HAVE A LONG RELATIONSHIP, NOT KNOWING  
25 HER EXPERTISE IN SPACE, BUT HER FATHER, WHO HAS PASSED ON, WAS



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1 MY PASTOR FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, BAPTIZED MY BOYS. AND SO THE  
2 LEESTMA FAMILY AND THE KNABE FAMILY GO WAY BACK. BUT PAM, THIS  
3 IS YOUR DAY. CONGRATULATIONS AND HAVE A GREAT TIME IN  
4 WASHINGTON. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **PAM LEESTMA:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR DONE KNABE FOR THIS  
7 GREAT HONOR AND ALL THE OTHER SUPERVISORS. I JUST LOVE THE  
8 WORDS OF MOTHER THERESA, "THE ONLY OFFER, JESUS." THAT REALLY  
9 IS MY GOAL OF TEACHING. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THAT GOAL  
10 AS I USE MYSELF AND TEACH OTHER CHILDREN ABOUT GOD. SO THIS IS  
11 SUCH A GREAT HONOR TODAY. AND I WILL CHERISH THIS DAY. THANK  
12 YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS DAY. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S PRETTY UNIQUE STANDING AND BEING IN  
15 BELLFLOWER CITY HALL AND WATCHING THIS GUY IN SPACE WALKING  
16 AROUND TALKING TO KIDS. IT WAS PRETTY COOL. NOW, THAT'S  
17 ANOTHER VERY SPECIAL HONOR FOR ME, AND PARTICULARLY FOR ALL  
18 THE RESIDENTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY TO HAVE DEBI FARIS, IS THAT  
19 SAFELLI? DEBI FARIS TO JOIN ME UP HERE. I UNDERSTAND MAYBE A  
20 COUPLE OF HER BOARD MEMBERS, GILDA TOLBERT AND EVA LAMB FROM  
21 THE GARDEN OF ANGELS. TWELVE YEARS AGO, DEBI HAD AN EXPERIENCE  
22 THAT WOULD NOT ONLY CHANGE HER LIFE BUT IMPACT THE LIVES OF  
23 HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN YET TO BE BORN. SHE HEARD A NEWS STORY  
24 ABOUT A NEWBORN BABY THAT HAD BEEN STUFFED INTO A DUFFEL BAG  
25 AND TOSSED FROM A SPEEDING CAR. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SHE



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1 LEARNED OF ANOTHER NEWBORN BABY BOY THAT HAD BEEN FOUND IN A  
2 DUMPSTER AND OF A LITTLE GIRL ABOUT TWO YEARS OF AGE WHO  
3 WASHED UP ON A BEACH. SHE WORKED WITH THE CORONER AND OBTAINED  
4 PERMISSION TO BURY THE BODIES OF THESE THREE YOUNG BABIES. IN  
5 1996, HER FAMILY HAD THEIR FIRST BURIAL SERVICE FOR THESE  
6 THREE CHILDREN. THEY WERE GIVEN THE NAMES OF MATTHEW, NATHAN  
7 AND DORA, EACH NAME MEANS THE SAME, A GIFT OF GOD. AT THE  
8 BEGINNING, THIS WAS AN ACT OF LOVE FROM HER FAMILY TO ENSURE  
9 THAT THESE BABIES HAD A BURIAL IN A LOVING, KIND SPIRIT THAT  
10 THEY DID NOT KNOW OF IN THEIR VERY SHORT TIME OF LIFE. HOWEVER  
11 AS THE WORD OF THIS SPREAD AND KNOWING WHAT THEY WERE DOING  
12 FOR THESE LITTLE ONES, THE CHILDREN, AND HELPING THESE  
13 CHILDREN BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE, THAT WAS WHEN GARDEN OF  
14 ANGELS CAME INTO EXISTENCE. DEBI'S ADVOCACY FOR THESE AT-RISK  
15 BABIES ULTIMATELY LED TO THE PASSAGE OF THE SAFE HAVEN LAW,  
16 WHICH WE ALL PASSIONATELY SUPPORT AND PROMOTE HERE IN LOS  
17 ANGELES COUNTY AND ACROSS CALIFORNIA. THROUGH HER LEADERSHIP,  
18 THE GARDEN OF ANGELS HAS BECOME A LEADING ORGANIZATION TO WORK  
19 PASSIONATELY TO SAVE LIVES AND PREVENT THE TRAGEDY OF NEWBORN  
20 ABANDONMENT THROUGH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS. 251  
21 CHILDREN FROM ACROSS CALIFORNIA, AND 68 ALONE RIGHT HERE IN  
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, OWE THEIR LIVES TO DEBI'S LAW ON THE SAFE  
23 HAVEN LAW OF NO SHAME, NO BLAME, NO NAME. FOR ME PERSONALLY,  
24 SHE OPENED MY EYES TO A VERY SAD SITUATION THAT WE HAD HERE IN  
25 THE COUNTY WITH OUR SAFE HAVEN LAW TOO. AND WE NOW HAVE A



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1 MECHANISM IN PLACE TO ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. SINCE WE  
2 STARTED TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE SAFE HAVEN, WHICH WE CALL THE SAFE  
3 SURRENDER PROGRAM HERE, THE NUMBER OF INFANTS SAFELY  
4 SURRENDERED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE FAR ECLIPSED THE NUMBER  
5 THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND DEAD OR ABANDONED. WE ARE MAKING A  
6 DIFFERENCE IN SAVING LIVES AND WE CONTINUE TO FIGHT IN  
7 SACRAMENTO TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROGRAM AND ENSURE  
8 THAT OUR WORK WILL CONTINUE. THERE'S A LITTLE CEMETERY IN  
9 UPIKA WHICH HOLDS THE REMAINS OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO WERE  
10 INNOCENT VICTIMS BORN INTO A CLIMATE OF FEAR AND DESPERATION.  
11 THEY WERE THE ONES WE COULDN'T SAVE, YET THEIR EXPERIENCE  
12 LIVES ON IN OUR HEARTS TO REMIND US ALL THAT WE HAVE TO DO  
13 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT THE LIVES OF THESE BABIES,  
14 ENCOURAGE AT RISK PARENTS TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE TO BRING  
15 THEIR BABY TO A FIRE STATION OR AN EMERGENCY ROOM WITH NO  
16 SHAME, NO BLAME AND NO NAME. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS AND THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY, CITIZENS IN THE  
18 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND OUR NATION, WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR DEBI'S  
19 GREAT WORK ON BEHALF OF THE NEWBORNS. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **DEBI FARIS:** THIS MOVES ME VERY MUCH, AND I HONORABLY ACCEPT  
22 THIS FOR THE CHILDREN WHO ARE BURIED IN THE GARDEN OF ANGELS,  
23 83 NOW. AND FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE FUTURE. AND ESPECIALLY FOR  
24 THE SAFELY SURRENDERED CHILDREN. I AM VERY HONORED TO KNOW DON  
25 KNABE AND HIS PASSION, HIS HEART, HIS MISSION TO GET THE SAFE





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1 SURRENDER LAW AND ITS OPTION OUT THERE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
2 ANGELES. HE IS THE MOST PROACTIVE SUPERVISOR THAT I'VE EVER  
3 KNOWN IN A COUNTY, AND IT SHOWS. BABIES' LIVES ARE BEING  
4 SAVED. I'LL TELL YOU THAT IT IS AN AMAZING THING TO HAVE A  
5 PHONE CALL FROM SOMEONE IN A HOSPITAL AND ASK YOU IF YOU WANT  
6 TO COME OVER AND SEE A LITTLE BABY THAT'S JUST BEEN SAFELY  
7 SURRENDERED. AND TO GO OVER THERE AND LOOK AND SEE THAT LITTLE  
8 CHILD AND TO HOLD IT AND TO SEE IT MOVE AND TO HEAR IT CRY. I  
9 CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT MY HEART DOES. IT JUST MELTS. IT'S QUITE A  
10 DIFFERENT STORY WHEN YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE CORONER'S OFFICE  
11 AND GO INTO THE MORGUE AND YOU HAVE TO PICK UP A LITTLE CHILD.  
12 AND IT DOESN'T MOVE. IT DOESN'T CRY. AND YOU WONDER WHY AND  
13 WHAT WE CAN DO TO PREVENT THAT AND TO PREVENT IT ESPECIALLY  
14 FOR FUTURE CHILDREN. WELL, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE THANK  
15 YOU WITH ALL OF OUR HEART, MR. KNABE. AND ALL OF L.A. COUNTY  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD AND PASSIONATE WORK  
17 AND THANK YOU FOR BEING THE VOICE FOR THE CHILDREN.

18 [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I'M FINISHED.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE AGAIN IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE  
25 SOME OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY HAD ACADEMIC



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1 ENRICHMENTS DURING THE PAST QUARTER. AND WITH ME WITH THE  
2 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IS TED MYERS WHO IS  
3 THE CHIEF DEPUTY. WE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO-- REPRESENTING WE HAVE  
4 MICHAEL RICE, ARLENE INOCENTE, SYLVIA FOGELMAN, THE U MEMBER,  
5 AND ARMEN MONTEL. EACH OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE EXCELLED  
6 ACADEMICALLY ON THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS, AND IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY  
7 THAT WE CAN RECOGNIZE THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT, GIVE THEM A  
8 PROCLAMATION. WE ALSO HAVE A GIFT CERTIFICATE TO, IS IT BARNES  
9 & NOBLE? BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSTORE TO HELP THEM FURTHER WITH  
10 THEIR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. SO LET ME JUST FIRST  
11 RECOGNIZE VIOLET DE LA CRUZ FOR HER MOST IMPROVED ENRICHMENT  
12 AND ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
13 FAMILY SERVICES. [APPLAUSE.] TIFFANY CANADA, MOST IMPROVED  
14 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.] KELLY VELASCO, MOST IMPROVED  
15 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. [APPLAUSE.] DEYSI YVONNE PAREIDES.  
16 [APPLAUSE.] AND SAMMY IZARIAN. [APPLAUSE.] TED, DO YOU WANT TO  
17 SAY SOMETHING?

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19 **TED MYERS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING THESE WONDERFUL YOUNG PEOPLE. IT'S  
21 HARD TO IMAGINE HOW THE ODDS THAT THEY'VE OVERCOME TO PERFORM  
22 WELL IN SCHOOL. WE ARE SO PROUD OF THEM. AND WE THANK YOU FOR  
23 THIS RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE HAVE A 12-WEEK OLD TERRIER MIX. HER  
2   NAME IS DOTTY. THIS IS DOTTY. SHE'S A LONG HAIR TERRIER.  
3   ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT HER? SHE'D LIKE A HOME. SHE'S GOT A LOT  
4   OF COUSINS AND GOOD FRIENDS. BUT THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE  
5   INTERESTED, OR CALLING AT HOME, FROM 562-728-4644. ANYBODY IN  
6   THE AUDIENCE?

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT IS A LITTLE SMALL FOR ME. THOSE LITTLE  
9   ONES ARE TOUGH.

10

11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS LITTLE DOTTY. COMES WITH A LITTLE  
12   PEARL NECKLACE. MAKES YOU WANT TO GO SWIMMING. SHE'S ATTACHED  
13   TO YOU. SHE LIKES GLORIA.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LOOK AT THOSE LITTLE EARS.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MY DOG IS 13 IN FEBRUARY. BUT IT'S A  
18   RESPONSIBILITY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
19   PRESENTATIONS? I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD DANIEL SPENCER, RECENT  
20   IRAQ AFGHANISTAN COMBAT VETERAN. SEVEN YEARS AGO, FOREIGN  
21   TERRORISTS CONDUCTED FOUR COWARDLY SURPRISE AERIAL ATTACKS  
22   AGAINST INNOCENT CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.  
23   INDISCRIMINATELY ON SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001, ALMOST 3,000  
24   INNOCENT LIVES WERE LOST AND THOUSANDS OF MORE FAMILIES  
25   DEVASTATED BY THE LOSS. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THESE ATTACKS,



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1 AMERICANS UNITED TO DECLARE WAR ON GLOBAL TERRORISM,  
2 DEMONSTRATING THE NATION'S DEEPEST RESPECT IN THE RECOGNITION  
3 OF THE THREAT TO ITS PEOPLE AND FREEDOM TO THE PEOPLE OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES. OUR COMMITMENT TO NATIONAL DEFENSE IS  
5 IMMEASURABLE AND WE SALUTE THE BRAVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED  
6 FORCES FOR COMBATING GLOBAL TERRORISM AND FREEDOM FOR ALL.  
7 PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO DANIEL SPENCER, A MARINE CORPS  
8 VETERAN, WHO ATTAINED THE RANK OF SERGEANT AND HOLDS THE  
9 FOLLOWING DECORATIONS: COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, PRESIDENTIAL UNIT  
10 CITATION, MARINE CORPS GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON  
11 TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONAL  
12 MEDAL, IRAQI CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE  
13 MEDAL. HE SERVED TWO TOURS IN IRAQ. HE CURRENTLY WORKS FOR THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AS AN OUTREACH COUNSELOR FOR  
15 THOSE VETS RETURNING HOME FROM OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. IN  
16 DECEMBER HE WILL EARN HIS BACHELORS' DEGREE IN POLITICAL  
17 SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHRIDGE. AND IT IS WITH  
18 GREAT HONOR THAT WE MAKE THIS PRESENTATION TO YOU AS WE  
19 RECOGNIZE AND PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2008 AS PATRIOTIC DAY  
20 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **DANIEL SPENCER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE COUNTY  
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO TAKE UP  
24 RESIDENCE IN THE GREAT CITY OF LOS ANGELES AFTER SEPARATING  
25 FROM THE MARINE CORPS. HAVING GROWN UP IN MINNESOTA, IT WAS A



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1 LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT BEING STATIONED IN CALIFORNIA. AND I'VE  
2 BEEN BLESSED WITH THE HONOR OF BECOMING A CITIZEN OF LOS  
3 ANGELES AND A RESIDENT OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT. I APPRECIATE ALL  
4 THE HARD WORK AND EFFORT THAT HAS GONE INTO TAKING CARE OF THE  
5 VETERANS OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR AND ALL THE CONTINUED  
6 SERVICE THAT THIS COUNTY HAS GIVEN TO OUR VETERANS. THANK YOU.  
7 [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D NOW LIKE TO CALL UP NATIONAL ALCOHOL  
10 AND DRUG ADDICTION MONTH PARTICIPANTS, SANDRA GEORGE OF  
11 L.A.C.A.B.A., ALLEN HOUSE, JANE WEISS OF ALCOHOL DRUG COUNCIL  
12 \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT. CANDY CARGILL-FULLER, OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
13 SCIENCES. MARINA SINGH OF N.C.A.B.B. SOUTH BAY. BARBARA SPIEL  
14 OF TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER. [APPLAUSE.] DAN SELDER OF  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ HEALTH. SARAH DIVINE OF N.C.A.B.B. LONG BEACH. JIM  
16 NOKAN OF A.D.A.F. AND HENRY VON OSSISINGER OF BEHAVIORAL  
17 HEALTH SCIENCES. I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL OF THEM TO COME UP HERE.  
18 HAVE WE GOT EVERYONE? THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. 2.2 MILLION  
19 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE FACED A SUBSTANCE ABUSE ORDER  
20 IN THE PAST YEAR AND DO DESERVE TO EXPERIENCE THE BENEFIT OF  
21 RECOVERY. THE COST SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH TREATMENT SERVICES  
22 IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THESE SERVICES BE  
23 READILY AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO NEED ASSISTANCE AND ARE FACED  
24 WITH INSURANCE COSTS AND INSURANCE BARRIERS. TREATMENT  
25 FACILITIES ARE NEEDED FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO RE-ESTABLISH THEIR





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1 PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY. EDUCATION IS CRITICAL SO THAT  
2 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE AWARE THAT  
3 SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS ARE TREATABLE. BY TAKING STEPS TO  
4 ADDRESS IT AS WELL AS PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES AND  
5 CHILDREN OF THOSE WITH THESE DISORDERS. WE SAVE LIVES AND WE  
6 SAVE DOLLARS. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS  
7 SCROLL TO ALL OF THE PARTNERS WHO WORK SO HARD TO ACHIEVE THE  
8 GOAL OF PROVIDING CRITICAL EDUCATION SERVICES TO THOSE WHO ARE  
9 FACED WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER. IN ADDITION, WE RECOMMEND  
10 AND WE COMMEND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
11 THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE WHITE  
12 HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY AND THE LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY RECOVERY MONTH PLANNING PARTNERS AS WE PROCLAIM  
14 THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2008 AS NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG  
15 ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

16 [APPLAUSE.]

17  
18 **CANDY CARGILL-FULLER:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CANDY AND I'M A  
19 PERSON IN LONG TERM RECOVERY. AND WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT I  
20 HAVEN'T USED ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS IN OVER 22 YEARS.

21 [APPLAUSE.] ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PLANNING  
22 PARTNERS, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
23 THEIR SUPPORT OF NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY  
24 MONTH. [APPLAUSE.] AND ALSO DR. FIELDING, THE DEPARTMENT OF  
25 PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAM



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1 ADMINISTRATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT, AS WELL. WE'D LIKE TO THANK  
2 THE BOARD FOR SPONSORING RALLY FOR PREVENTION RECOVERY, WHICH  
3 WILL BE HELD TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 10TH. IT WILL BE AT 11 A.M.  
4 HERE AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION OUTSIDE IN THE MALL AREA.  
5 WE HOPE YOU CAN ALL COME AND JOIN US. AND IN ADDITION, I'D  
6 LIKE TO THANK THE PEOPLE FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECOVERY  
7 PLANNING PARTNERS COMMITTEE. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE  
8 EVENTS LIKE THE RALLY AND THE DODGER GAME POSSIBLE. WITHOUT  
9 THEM, THEY WOULDN'T HAPPEN. THIS YEAR'S THEME FOR RECOVERY  
10 MONTH IS JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY, REAL PEOPLE, REAL  
11 RECOVERY. THE EMPHASIS IS ON TREATMENT, PEOPLE WHOM TREATMENT  
12 AND PREVENTION SERVICES, WHO PERCEIVE THE TREATMENT AND  
13 PREVENTION SERVICES THAT'S GIVEN THEM A RENEWED OUTLOOK ON  
14 LIFE, FOR PEOPLE LIKE ME. I KNOW FOR MYSELF TO SAY I'VE BEEN  
15 GIVEN A RENEWED OUTLOOK ON LIFE IS AN UNDERSTATEMENT.  
16 TREATMENT GAVE ME LIFE. TREATMENT GAVE ME RECOVERY. AND I'M  
17 HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF THAT. THIS MONTH IS RECOVERY MONTH'S  
18 19TH YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS. PEOPLE FROM CITIES LARGE AND SMALL  
19 ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL BE GETTING TOGETHER TO SHOW HOW ACCESS  
20 TO TREATMENT AND RECOVERY AND PREVENTION SERVICES HAS  
21 BENEFITED INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. PLEASE JOIN  
22 US IN SHOWING HOW ACCESS TO PREVENTION AND TREATMENT HAS  
23 BENEFITED THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]  
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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD THE  
2    REPRESENTATIVES OF QUEENSCARE. HERE THEY COME. QUEENSCARE IS A  
3    FAITH-BASED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT OFFERS AN ARRAY OF  
4    HEALTH SERVICES AND PARTNERS WITH NUMEROUS AGENCIES TO PROVIDE  
5    INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE OUTREACH PROGRAMS THAT TARGET  
6    POPULATIONS WHO EXPERIENCE MANY BARRIERS TO ACCESSING  
7    HEALTHCARE. THEY OPERATE A NETWORK THAT INCLUDES SEVEN  
8    COMMUNITY CLINICS, THAT PROVIDE RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO LOW  
9    INCOME AND MULTICULTURAL URBAN COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES  
10   COUNTY, REGARDLESS OF THE CLIENT'S ABILITY TO PAY. IT IS WITH  
11   GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO QUEENSCARE FAMILY  
12   CLINICS AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND COMMEND  
13   THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE AID AND  
14   ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE  
15   COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. [APPLAUSE.]

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17   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, BEFORE HE SPEAKS, I WOULD LIKE TO  
18   PERSONALLY AS WELL THANK THEM. THEY HAVE BEEN GREAT  
19   ASSISTANCE, NOT ONLY TO MANY PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY,  
20   BUT PARTICULARLY RANCHO, AND WE APPRECIATE AND SUPPORT ALL  
21   YOUR HELP THROUGH THE YEARS. THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

22

23   **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
24   WE DO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU. AND ALSO I WANT TO THANK L.A.  
25   COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT



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1 OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
2 AS WE WORK WITH ALL OF THEM. JUST TO GIVE YOU A QUICK IDEA, AS  
3 THE SUPERVISOR SAID, WE SERVE THE UNDERSERVED, THOSE THAT HAVE  
4 NO INSURANCE AND NO ABILITY TO PAY. AND OVER THE LAST 10  
5 YEARS, QUEENSCARE AND ITS PARTNER HAVE PUT IN OVER \$220  
6 MILLION INTO L.A. COUNTY FOR HEALTHCARE. AND ANOTHER EXAMPLE  
7 IS, OVER 2 MILLION VISITS TO OUR SYSTEM FOR THE UNINSURED IN  
8 L.A. COUNTY. SO OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE THE BEST QUALITY OF  
9 CARE TO THOSE WHO HAVE LITTLE ALTERNATIVE. THANK YOU VERY  
10 MUCH, YVONNE, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE REST OF THE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] AND NOW WE'D LIKE TO  
14 CALL FORWARD L.A. YOUTHBUILD DIRECTORS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF  
15 WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE YOUTHBUILD, LOS ANGELES  
16 CONSERVATION CORPS AND CENTURY CITY FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY,  
17 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS, L.A.C.A.U.S.A.  
18 YOUTHBUILD, A.Y.E. OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOS ANGELES.  
19 VENICE YOUTHBUILD, A.V. CHAMPIONS YOUTHBUILD, AND MOJAVE BASIN  
20 YOUTH CORPS INC. WE HAVE EVERYBODY HERE, DON'T WE? YOUTHBUILD  
21 IS A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS, EX OFFENDERS  
22 AND YOUNG ADULTS AGES 16 TO 24 WHO ARE ON PROBATION OR PAROLE  
23 THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN SKILLS IN CONSTRUCTION, CABLE OR  
24 COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY FIELDS. AND WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO VISIT  
25 THE FACILITIES THAT YOU HAVE. AND FOR OVER 20 YEARS,



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1 YOUTHBUILD PROGRAMS HAVE PROVIDED HUNDREDS OF YOUNG ADULTS  
2 WITH EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, SKILL, JOB TRAINING AND LIFE SKILL  
3 MANAGEMENT IN ORDER TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT, TO SUSTAIN  
4 THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE LOS ANGELES YOUTHBUILD  
5 COLLABORATIVE IS WORKING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
6 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION SO THAT YOUTHBUILD PROGRAMS AND  
7 SERVICES CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FELONS RETURNING TO THE  
8 COMMUNITY IN NEED. AND THOSE PEOPLE ARE THE ONES WHO ARE IN  
9 NEED OF THE KIND OF SERVICES THAT YOUTHBUILD PROVIDES. IT'S  
10 WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THESE SCROLLS TO THE  
11 YOUTHBUILD AGENCIES WHO ARE DEDICATED TO GIVING YOUNG ADULTS A  
12 SECOND CHANCE TO GET THEIR LIVES BACK ON TRACK BY PROVIDING  
13 THEM THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO BE ABLE TO MOVE ON WITH THEIR  
14 LIVES AND TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS AND TO HAVE THE SKILLS  
15 IN ORDER TO HAVE JOBS AND PROVIDE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR  
16 FAMILIES. SO I'D LIKE TO START HERE WITH CENTURY CENTER FOR  
17 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY. EYE OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES. L.A.C.A.S.A.  
18 YOUTHBUILD. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS. LOS ANGELES  
19 CONSERVATION CORPS. THEY DO A LOT OF THINGS FOR US IN LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY, AND PARTICULARLY THE SECOND DISTRICT. THEY DO  
21 A GOOD JOB TOO, THAT'S THE IMPORTANT THING. WATTS LABOR  
22 COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE YOUTHBUILD. ALSO DO A LOT OF  
23 IMPORTANT PROJECTS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. MOJAVE BASIN YOUTH  
24 CORPS. A.V. CHAMPIONS YOUTHBUILD. THEY DIDN'T GET HERE. VENICE  
25 YOUTHBUILD IS HERE. OKAY. THANK YOU. NOW WHO'S SPEAKING?





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**SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR BURKE AND ALL THE OTHER SUPERVISORS, ON  
BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES YOUTHBUILD COLLABORATIVE, WE'D LIKE  
TO THANK YOU. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE'D LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW  
THAT WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH THE PROBATION  
DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
BEING A VEHICLE FOR OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THEM TO  
CONTINUE TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES AS WE CONTINUE TO REBUILD  
HOUSING IN THE L.A. COUNTY COMMUNITY, AS WE CONTINUE TO TAP  
INTO THEIR LEADERSHIP SO THAT THEY CAN BE SUCCESSFUL AND GO ON  
TO LIVE THE KIND OF LIVES THAT THEY DESERVE TO LIVE AS YOUNG  
PEOPLE TO REBUILD THIS COUNTY. WE WANT TO CONTINUE IN THE  
SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND COOPERATION SO THAT WE CAN BE HERE  
LONG AFTER THOSE THAT ARE HERE NOW AND HAVE RETIRED AND THE  
YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUE TO BE HERE KNOWING THAT YOUTHBUILD IS  
HERE TO STAY AS AN OPPORTUNITY AND A VEHICLE FOR COUNTY YOUNG  
PEOPLE NEEDING AN OPPORTUNITY. WE THANK ALL OF THE BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS TODAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUOUSLY WORKING  
WITH YOU TOMORROW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU WANT TO COME  
UP? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE HAVE ALSO SAN GABRIEL. AND LAS

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1 CASAS, AND IN EAST LOS ANGELES, SUPERVISOR MOLINA? AND  
2 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WOULD YOU JOIN US? YES, YOU'RE EVERYWHERE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT CONCLUDES THE PRESENTATIONS  
5 NOW. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE UP FIRST, I BELIEVE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE PUBLIC HOLDING  
8 ITEMS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN START WITH 11, 16. HERE THEY ARE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I'LL TAKE UP 11, 16, 29 AND 35.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, DO YOU WANT TO START FORWARD?  
17 AND MAYBE. DR. CLAVREUL, YOU MIGHT WANT TO COME FORWARD, TOO.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DR. CLAVREUL IS HOLDING 22 AND 26. DR.  
20 CLAVREUL?

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME TO THE  
23 MICROPHONE?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** START HIS TIME.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 11.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 11. OH, I DON'T HAVE MY AGENDA. BUT START  
5 MY TIME? I'M A LITTLE TAKEN BACK BY THE POLITICAL CORRECTNESS  
6 OF THIS AGENCY. ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN? RETARDED  
7 CITIZENS? I THOUGHT WE WERE PAST THAT. THERE'S SO MUCH MADE  
8 ABOUT POLITICAL CORRECTION. COULD YOU THINK THAT THEY'D HAVE A  
9 BETTER NAME FOR THE ASSOCIATION? MAYBE LEARNING CHALLENGED?

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY DO. THEY CALL IT A.R.C. NOW, A.R.C., BUT  
12 THAT'S THE OFFICIAL NAME. THEY CALL IT A.R.C.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** A.R.C. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWER, SIR.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
17 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON 11.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ITEM 16. IS INVOLVING SHERIFF'S FUNDING FOR  
20 MONITORING SYSTEMS. AND IN A RELATED ITEM-- ALTHOUGH TWO  
21 THINGS. A, IT TURNS OUT I'M JUST CURIOUS WHEN THE STATE WENT  
22 TO THAT BASED ON MEGAN'S LAW, IT TURNED OUT THAT THERE WASN'T  
23 ENOUGH PERSONNEL TO DO ALL THE MONITORING. SO HAS THAT BEEN  
24 ADDRESSED BY THE SHERIFF? AND THEN ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, IN I  
25 GUESS THE DAILY BREEZE, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE PRISON T.V.S MAY



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1 GO BLANK. INMATES DON'T QUALIFY FOR COUPONS FOR CONVERTER  
2 BOXES NEEDED BY FEBRUARY 2009. BEING AS L.A. COUNTY HAS THE  
3 LARGEST INMATE POPULATION IN THE COUNTRY, ARE PLANS BEING  
4 MADE, WHATEVER THEY MAY BE, TO PROVIDE THE CONVERTER BOXES  
5 THAT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE FACILITIES CURRENTLY USED BY THE  
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT? BECAUSE IT SAYS HERE THAT SOUTH  
7 CAROLINA, THE INMATES, THE FACILITIES DON'T QUALIFY. SO WHAT  
8 IS THE SITUATION WITH L.A. COUNTY? OR IS THAT GOING TO BE A  
9 BIG SURPRISE COME FEBRUARY 2ND? AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
10 TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
13 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ON 16.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ARE WE CONTINUING? 29. ONE OF MY FAVORITES,  
16 AGAIN. THIS IS INVOLVING A GRANT OR FUNDING. COUNTY PROVIDE  
17 \$242,000 TOWARDS COSTS USING M.T.A. GRANT FUNDS AND MATCHING  
18 COUNTY FUNDS. POINT ONE, HOW IS THE COUNTY ABLE TO ASSIGN  
19 M.T.A. GRANT FUNDS WHEN BACK IN JULY I QUESTIONED AN ITEM ON  
20 YOUR CONSENT CALENDAR REGARDING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
21 BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION  
22 AUTHORITY AS BEING ONE PARTY AND WAS TOLD NO, THEY'RE SEPARATE  
23 ENTITIES. QUESTION PART TWO OF THIS ITEM IS: MATCHING COUNTY  
24 FUNDS. DOES THAT MEAN THE M.T.A. GRANT FUNDS WILL BE \$121,000  
25 AND THE COUNTY WILL MATCH THAT FOR A TOTAL OF \$242,000? OR IS



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1 THE M.T.A. GRANT FUNDS, WHICH THE COUNTY IS SO JUDICIOUSLY  
2 PROVIDING, \$242,000 AND THE COUNTY GOING TO MATCH THAT  
3 \$242,000 FOR A TOTAL OF \$484,000, WHICH IS QUITE A BIT  
4 DIFFERENT SUM OF MONEY.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY  
7 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I GUESS THAT'S MY ANSWER.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE WILL BE SOMEONE OVER WHO CAN ANSWER  
12 YOUR QUESTIONS. WHAT WAS THE NEXT ITEM YOU WERE CALLING,  
13 SUPERVISOR?

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE STILL HAD 35.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 35.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 35. THIS IS COUNTY PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE  
20 M.T.A. PARKING LOT. NOW, GOD KNOWS WITH THE M.T.A.'S  
21 MANAGEMENT, THE SPENDING THAT GOES ON THERE IS SO OUTRAGEOUS.  
22 BUT \$700,000 FOR A PARKING LOT? DOES THE COUNTY ALSO PROVIDE  
23 FUNDING WHEN TORRANCE TRANSIT NEEDS A PARKING LOT PAVED? OR  
24 THE L.A. D.O.T. COMMUTER EXPRESS NEEDS A PARKING LOT. OR THE  
25 SANTA MONICA BIG BLUE BUS NEEDS PARKING? OR THE FOOTHILL



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1 EXPRESS, FOOTHILL TRANSIT NEEDS PARKING? OR SANTA CLARITA BUS  
2 LINES NEED PARKING? OR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BUS LINES NEED  
3 PARKING? IF THE COUNTY IS SO GRACIOUS IN PROVIDING FUNDS FOR  
4 THE M.T.A., SHOULD IT ALSO BE GRACIOUS IN PROVIDING FUNDS FOR  
5 THESE OTHER BUS LINES? AND WHAT'S THE STATUS ON THAT?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA--

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9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SPEAK INTO YOUR MIC., SIR, SO THE PUBLIC CAN  
10 HEAR.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA; WITHOUT  
13 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ON 35.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** AGAIN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND  
16 YOUR ATTENTION.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 22 AND 26.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 22, OTHER PEOPLE ARE HOLDING IT. COULD  
21 YOU CALL 26?

22

23 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** 26. WELL, YOU KNOW IT'S THE SAME  
24 QUESTION I HAVE LATELY OF ALL THOSE CONTRACTS WHICH CAN BE  
25 CHANGED, MAXIMUM OBLIGATION UP TO 25 PERCENT. IN THAT CASE IN





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1 PARTICULAR, 25 PERCENT OF THAT CONTRACT IS \$600,000. WE NEED  
2 TO LOOK AT ALL THOSE CONTRACTS. WE NEVER COME BACK TO THE  
3 BOARD FOR 25 TO 30 PERCENT. I THINK IT'S WHERE A LOT OF THAT  
4 PORK MONEY IS GOING, AND I WOULD LOVE THAT SOME AGENCY DOES AN  
5 AUDIT WHERE THE MONIES HAVE GONE. I DON'T KNOW WHY IT IS IN  
6 THOSE CONTRACTS. 25 PERCENT IS PRETTY STEEP, AND 600,000 IS  
7 OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED  
10 BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. YOU WERE HOLDING  
11 ANOTHER ITEM.

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, 22 BUT I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR  
14 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S INPUT ON THE ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHO WAS HOLDING 18?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL TAKE UP 26 NOW. THE ONE YOU WERE  
19 HOLDING.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE JUST TOOK UP 26. 22?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 22, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WAS HOLDING, ALSO.

24



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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER. THIS IS A CONTRACT,  
2    AND IT'S NOW AN R.F.P. BEFORE US. BUT THIS IS A CONTRACT THAT  
3    WE HAD ASKED OVER A YEAR AND A HALF AGO TO GO BACK AND DO AN  
4    R.F.P. THEY NEEDED AN INTERIM CONTRACT AND THEY HIRED ONE OF  
5    THE DOCS FROM THE OTHER GROUP AND THEY SET UP THIS BUSINESS.  
6    BUT BASICALLY THEY ARE READY TO MOVE FORWARD. AND I GUESS I'M  
7    SUPPOSED TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT FOR TAKING WHAT WE SAY  
8    SERIOUSLY AND THEY ARE NOW MOVING FORWARD ON THE CONTRACT. BUT  
9    MY CONCERN GOES A LITTLE BIT BROADER, AND IT'S ALSO PART OF  
10    WHAT'S IN THE L.A. TIMES TODAY AND THE INVESTIGATIONS THAT  
11    CONTINUE TO GO ON OVER AT M.L.K. SO I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS  
12    MOTION. AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD, I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE  
13    GOVERNING BOARD THAT PROVIDES OVERSIGHT FOR THE OPERATION OF  
14    THE COUNTY'S HOSPITAL AND SAFETY NET SYSTEM OF CARE. MY  
15    COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS  
16    THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT THE HEALTH OF ALL PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES  
17    COUNTY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT EACH OF US TAKES VERY  
18    SERIOUSLY. WHETHER IT BE THROUGH DECISIONS ABOUT THE BUDGET,  
19    THE ADMINISTRATION OR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES OR THE  
20    ADEQUACY OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS, I CAN ONLY MAKE MY  
21    DECISION BASED ON THE INFORMATION THAT I RECEIVE FROM THE  
22    DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. YET TIME AND TIME AGAIN THIS  
23    DEPARTMENT HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE THIS BOARD WITH HONEST AND  
24    RELIABLE INFORMATION. THEY HAVE FAILED TO PROVIDE HONEST  
25    INFORMATION REGARDING EVERYTHING FROM THE STATUS OF



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1 PROBLEMATIC CONTRACT DOCTORS TIED TO C.M.S. CITATIONS TO THE  
2 ADMINISTRATION, STAFFING AND THE COMPETENCY AS WELL AS THE  
3 TRAINING STATUS AT M.L.K., TO CLINICAL CORRECTIVE ACTION  
4 PLANS, TO INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS, AND SO ON AND SO ON. I  
5 CANNOT ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF MY CONSTITUENTS WITH A DEPARTMENT  
6 THAT CONTINUES TO MISREPRESENT, MISLEAD AND MISINFORM THIS  
7 BOARD. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MUST INSTITUTE AN INDEPENDENT  
8 REVIEW FUNCTION BECAUSE DESPITE REPEATED DIRECTION,  
9 INVESTIGATIONS AND INTERVENTIONS BY THE BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT  
10 AND ITS MANAGEMENT AND ITS LEADERSHIP REFUSES TO CHANGE. I DO  
11 NOT HAVE THE ANSWERS. BUT I KNOW THIS COUNTY HAS MANY  
12 EXCELLENT MODELS FOR PROVIDING ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY  
13 AND TRANSPARENCY. THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS THE GOVERNING  
14 BOARD OF OUR HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, CANNOT CONTINUE TO OPERATE  
15 IN THIS MANNER. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. MAKE  
16 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIS BOARD IN TWO WEEKS ON VARIOUS OPTIONS  
17 FOR CREATING AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW ENTITY OR CONTRACTOR,  
18 SOMETHING VERY SIMILAR MAYBE TO THE WORK OF MERRICK BOBB,  
19 WHICH OR WHO COULD BE TASKED WITH INVESTIGATING AND MAKING  
20 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THIS BOARD RELATING TO ALL ASPECTS OF THE  
21 ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT  
22 OF HEALTH SERVICES. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT C.E.O. REPORT THE  
23 RECOMMENDATIONS ON A SET ITEM ON SEPTEMBER 23RD. THAT GIVES  
24 YOU TWO WEEKS. THE LAST REPORT THAT WAS ASKED BY MR.  
25 YAROSLAVSKY IS LOADED WITH THINGS THAT WE HAD ASKED ABOUT



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1 TRAINING, AT PEOPLE PASSING THEIR TESTS. IT'S EMBARRASSING. WE  
2 ARE BEING TOLD ONE THING BY OUR ADMINISTRATORS THAT WERE WE'RE  
3 SUPPOSED TO TRUST. WE EMPOWER THEM TO OPERATE AND TO MANAGE  
4 THOSE EMPLOYEES, AND YET ALL I CAN BELIEVE IS: WELL THEY SAY  
5 THEY'RE NEVER INTENTIONALLY LYING TO US, IT'S UNFORTUNATE WORD  
6 TO US, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THEY  
7 CAN'T GIVE US THE KIND OF DIRECT INFORMATION, HONEST  
8 INFORMATION, BECAUSE THE DUTIES WE UNDERTAKE AND THE  
9 RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE ARE VERY, VERY SERIOUS. AND WE CAN  
10 ONLY OPERATE FROM THE INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVE. I WISH I  
11 HAD A MODEL THAT I CAN SAY WOULD WORK. I DON'T NEED TO CREATE  
12 A SHADOW SYSTEM, A SHADOW ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM. I DON'T WANT  
13 TO DO THAT. I WANT SOMEONE WHO CAN GO IN INDEPENDENTLY, REVIEW  
14 EVERYTHING FROM TESTINGS, FROM FACILITIES, BE ABLE TO GO IN  
15 AND EVALUATE EVERYTHING FROM PERSONNEL ITEMS LIKE THE ISSUES  
16 THAT WERE ASKED ABOUT AND CLEARLY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AND  
17 HAVE STRICT ADHERENCE TO THEM THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE  
18 MONITORED BY THIS OFFICE. WE WILL HAVE-- WE HAVE A SYSTEM, A  
19 SAFETY NET RESPONSIBILITY IN HEALTHCARE. AND I'M TROUBLED  
20 EVERY SINGLE DAY BY THE FACT THAT WE MAY BE LOSING CONTROL OF  
21 THE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT SAFETY NET. AND IT ISN'T THE FACT  
22 THAT WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY, ALTHOUGH THAT IS ONE OF THE  
23 ISSUES, AND THAT WE DON'T HAVE DEDICATED EMPLOYEES. I THINK  
24 WHAT WE HAVE IS LOUSY MANAGEMENT. AND MANAGEMENT THAT FOR SOME  
25 REASON IS FRIGHTENED OF TELLING US THE TRUTH OR DOESN'T HAVE



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1 THE ABILITY TO TELL US THE TRUTH. AND THEY CONJURE UP ALL  
2 KINDS OF INTERESTING STORIES TO TELL US TO KEEP US BLIND TO  
3 THE REAL FACTS AS TO WHAT'S GOING ON. SO I'VE JUST ABOUT HAD  
4 IT. SO I'M ASKING FOR THIS. AND HOPEFULLY YOU CAN COME BACK IN  
5 TWO WEEKS WITH NO EXTENSION TO REVIEW THIS ISSUE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD JUST, IF I COULD. I WILL NOT  
8 BE HERE ON THE 23RD. SO I WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THAT  
9 DISCUSSION IF WE COULD FIND ANOTHER DATE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO PUT IT OVER FOR THE  
12 FOLLOWING WEEK?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ARE YOU GOING TO BE HERE THE FOLLOWING WEEK?

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE FOLLOWING WEEK IS DARK. THE BOARD IS  
17 NOT IN SESSION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OCTOBER 7TH.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OCTOBER 7TH WOULD BE SOONEST.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU CAN DO IT IN ONE WEEK. I DON'T MIND THAT.

24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASKING FOR A RETURN IN ONE WEEK. WHEN I MADE  
2    MY MOTION.

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4    **SUP. MOLINA:** ONE WEEK.

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE I'M NOT HERE THE WEEK AFTER.

7

8    **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT DATE IS IT THAT WE'RE DARK?

9

10   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPTEMBER 30TH THERE IS NO BOARD MEETING.  
11   ON THE 16TH BE AWARE THERE ARE ALREADY TWO SET ITEMS NEXT  
12   WEEK. DO YOU WANT TO ADD THIS ONE ALSO?

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY.

15

16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU THINK WE COULD HAVE ANYTHING  
17   DEFINITIVE AT THAT POINT?

18

19   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ONE WEEK WOULD MAKE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO HAVE  
20   SOMETHING TOGETHER.

21

22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WANT SOMETHING THAT'S MEANINGFUL, I'M  
23   SURE.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** WE WANT SOMETHING MEANINGFUL BUT I DON'T KNOW  
2    THAT THREE WEEKS WILL MAKE IT MORE MEANINGFUL.

3

4    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WANT TO SET IT FOR ONE WEEK AND WE'LL  
5    SEE WHAT THEY HAVE. AND THEN YOU CAN REVIEW IT THEN.

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, CAN I BE HEARD ON THAT? I WAS  
8    INTENDING TO ALSO ASK THAT WE HAVE-- SCHEDULE THE AUDITOR-  
9    CONTROLLER'S REPORT NEXT WEEK. I THOUGHT NEXT WEEK. TO DISCUSS  
10   IT AND PERHAPS IMPLEMENT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. THEY HAVE A  
11   ROAD MAP OF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE ISSUES RAISED BY  
12   THAT. SO IT'S CONCEIVABLE YOU COULD HAVE ALL THESE THINGS ON  
13   AT THE SAME TIME NEXT WEEK. I JUST DON'T KNOW THAT YOU'RE  
14   GOING TO HAVE-- LET IT RUN ITS COURSE. JUST AS LONG AS WE'RE  
15   DISCUSSING THIS, I WANT TO ASK THAT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S  
16   REPORT BE CALENDARED FOR NEXT WEEK SIMULTANEOUS WITH THIS.

17

18   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR? I MEAN IN A WEEK, MAYBE AT LEAST  
19   HAVE AN OUTLINE OF SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ADD SOMETHING TO, TO  
20   GIVE THEM BETTER, MORE SPECIFIC DIRECTION AND THEN COME BACK.

21

22   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WORKS.

23

24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE WE COULD HAVE A REPORT ON THE STATUS  
25   OF GETTING A NEW DIRECTOR AND THE HEALTH AUTHORITY AND SOME



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1 OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN FLOATING AROUND FOR A LONG TIME,  
2 FOR YEARS, AS PART OF THIS. I MEAN THIS IS A BROAD DISCUSSION.  
3 MY BET IS IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION. BUT  
4 WE OUGHT TO START.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** DR. CLAVREUL?

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8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES, GOOD MORNING, DR. CLAVREUL.  
9 AGAIN. I AM TOTALLY AMAZED BUT FIRST I WANT TO THANK  
10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR HER MOTION. I THINK ONE WEEK IS PLENTY  
11 OF TIME. MR. FUJIOKA HAS PLENTY OF TIME WORKING FOR HIM. THIS  
12 IS THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO TOLD YOU REPEATEDLY IN THE BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS, WHEN YOU ASK "EVERYBODY HAS BEEN VETTED,  
14 EVERYBODY HAS MADE THE CORRECTIONS," AND I REMEMBER SAYING,  
15 "OH YES, WE HAVE." I MEAN JUST LOOK AT YOUR OLD TAPE. YOU HAVE  
16 PEOPLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES WHO HAVE LIED TO  
17 YOU REPEATEDLY, REPEATEDLY ON TELEVISION. AND THOSE PEOPLE ARE  
18 STILL WORKING. I MEAN YOU KNOW ME, IF I KNEW I WOULD BE TAPE  
19 RECORDED, I WOULD NOT SAY LIE. I MEAN THOSE PEOPLE HAVE SWORN  
20 TO YOU THAT THEY HAVE DONE THE WORK. WE PAY CAMDEN \$1 MILLION,  
21 REMEMBER? CAMDEN? \$1 MILLION TO TRAIN THE NURSES? THEY DIDN'T  
22 DO IT. INITIALLY WE ARE GOING TO PAY NAVIGANT 24 MILLION, BUT  
23 FINALLY WE PAY ONLY 20 MILLION. WHEN ARE WE GOING TO ASK FOR  
24 OUR FREAKING MONEY BACK? I MEAN THOSE PEOPLE WERE SUPPOSED TO  
25 HAVE DONE THE JOB. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE TRAINED. THEY ARE



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1 SUPPOSED TO HAVE DEVELOPED MODELS FOR TESTING. WHERE ARE THEY?  
2 THERE IS NO PROOF OF THE WORK THEY HAVE DONE. EXCEPT WE ARE 20  
3 MILLION WITH LESS MONEY. I MEAN HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU HAVE  
4 ONE OF THOSE NURSES WHO TOOK THE TEST THREE OR FOUR TIMES  
5 GIVING TO THE MEDICATION TO YOUR CHILD, OR TO YOUR LOVED ONE?  
6 I MEAN THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM. YOU ALL HAVE A GREAT TIME  
7 GIVING AWARDS. BUT SEEING THE PEOPLE ARE DYING BECAUSE YOU ARE  
8 NOT DOING YOUR JOB. GO BEYOND ASKING THE QUESTION. DEMAND THAT  
9 SOMETHING IS DONE ABOUT IT. I KNOW FOR ME, THAT IS GOING TO DO  
10 SOMETHING FOR ME. I AM GOING TO FIGHT TO RE-DISTRICT THIS  
11 COUNTY AND TO MOVE FROM FIVE TO NINE SUPERVISORS SO WE CAN  
12 MAKE CHANGE. IT'S NOT ALWAYS THE SAME THING HAPPENING. YOU  
13 KNOW, YOU TRY HARD BUT NOTHING HAPPEN. GET SOME NERVE AND MAKE  
14 IT HAPPEN FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INCOMPETENT. YOU KNOW, DR.  
15 SCHUNHOFF, "WE ARE GOING TO NEED OUTSIDE PEOPLE TO GIVE US  
16 MONEY." EXCUSE ME? WE ALREADY PAID OVER 22 MILLION IF WE  
17 COUNT. YOU KNOW WHAT YOU COULD DEVELOP IS WHAT A LOT OF PEOPLE  
18 IN THE INDUSTRY HAVE DONE. TEAMS OF QUALITY ASSURANCE, WHO GO  
19 AT RANDOM TO VISIT THOSE HOSPITALS. PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT  
20 INVOLVED AND PAID BY THE COUNTY. I THINK YOU NEED TO FIND A  
21 WAY. YOU NEED TO CORRECT WHAT'S HAPPENING. BECAUSE ONE OF YOU  
22 MAY DIE BECAUSE ONE OF THOSE R.N. DIDN'T DO THEIR JOB. AND I  
23 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, HOW MANY HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE BOARD  
24 OF NURSING? YOU KNOW, A NURSE CANNOT HAVE A VALID LICENSE IF  
25 SHE HAS A FELONY. ON HER RECORDS. AND EVEN WHEN THEY TAKE THE



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1 TEST OVER AND OVER AGAIN THEY STILL CHEAT. I WROTE A VERY GOOD  
2 ARTICLE ON ETHICS. I THINK I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU AGAIN BECAUSE  
3 APPARENTLY YOU HAVE NOT READ IT.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ON THE AMENDMENT, ON  
6 ITEM 22 AS AMENDED, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THAT'S OVER TO THE REPORT  
8 WOULD BE IN ONE WEEK. SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS HOLDING ITEM 32. I'D LIKE TO ASK THE  
11 ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS TO COME FORWARD.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU WANT 42 JUST TO GO TO CLOSE, OR DID  
14 YOU WANT \_\_\_\_\_?

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CLOSE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHERE IT COMES FROM.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, GOOD.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOOD MORNING. YOU ASKED THAT THIS ITEM GOES  
23 BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. WOULD YOU EXPLAIN WHY?

24



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1   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN THAT. BASICALLY  
2   LAST NIGHT, ABOUT 4:47, SUPERVISOR KNABE'S OFFICE RECEIVED AN  
3   EMAIL FROM TWO INDIVIDUALS.

4

5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

6

7   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** AND BASICALLY I WANT TO TAKE A PRECAUTION AND  
8   I WANT TO EVALUATE, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OUR  
9   ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS ARE ADEQUATE. I WANT TO GIVE AN  
10   EXPLANATION. I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT WHEN THE LOCAL COASTAL  
11   PROGRAM WAS APPROVED IN 1996, AND THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM,  
12   ACCORDING TO STATE LAW, IS EQUIVALENT TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL  
13   IMPACT REPORT, CERTAIN GROWTH WAS--

14

15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM IS EQUIVALENT TO  
16   ENVIRONMENTAL?

17

18   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** ACCORDING TO STATE LAW IS EQUIVALENT TO A  
19   STATE PLAN AND IS EQUIVALENT TO HAVING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
20   REPORT. AND SO, CERTAIN GROWTH WAS ANTICIPATED, AND BASED ON  
21   THIS GROWTH, WE DECIDED TO COME UP WITH THE SHORE PROJECTS  
22   THAT WERE NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE THAT GROWTH. AND BASED ON  
23   THAT, WE WROTE THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS. SO WE WANT TO MAKE  
24   SURE THAT WHAT WAS APPROVED IN 1996 AND WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW,  
25   WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH THOSE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE D THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT--  
3 FIRST OF ALL DO WE HAVE RICK OR SOMEBODY HERE FROM THE COUNTY  
4 COUNSEL'S OFFICE? I'LL BE HAPPY TO PUT YOU ON THE SPOT. BUT I  
5 THINK WE NEED THE ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS.

6

7 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** YES, KAREN LICHTENBERG FROM MY OFFICE,  
8 WHO'S HEAD OF OUR--

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANYBODY BUT YOU, RAY. [LAUGHTER.] THAT'S  
11 JUST A JOKE. WHEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT-- ON THE  
12 LOCAL COASTAL PLAN, WAS THERE A FULL-FLEDGED ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 IMPACT REPORT DONE?

14

15 **KAREN LICHTENBERG:** NO.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS DONE?

18

19 **KAREN LICHTENBERG:** IT'S A DOCUMENT IN AND OF ITSELF. IT IS  
20 JUST CONSIDERED A FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL  
21 IMPACT REPORT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID IT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
24 IMPACTS OF A SEWER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OF THE MAGNITUDE  
25 THAT'S BEING CONTEMPLATED HERE?





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2 **KAREN LICHTENBERG:** I CAN'T ANSWER SPECIFICALLY. THAT'S WHAT WE  
3 WANT TO LOOK AT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU KNOW, MR. USAFI, WHETHER IT DID?

6

7 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** SUPERVISOR, MY UNDERSTANDING IT DOES. WE DID  
8 NOT SAY -- THE COMPLAINT FROM THE COMMENT THAT WE GOT WAS:  
9 "DID YOU CONSIDER THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT REPORTS, CUMULATIVE  
10 IMPACTS ON THIS PROJECT?" AND THE ANSWER WAS WHEN WE LOOKED AT  
11 THE L.C.P. BACK IN 1996, THERE WERE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF  
12 DEVELOPMENT THAT WAS ALLOWED TO DO. THIS DEVELOPMENT THAT IS  
13 TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW ON THIS 26 PARCELS IS LESS THAN WHAT  
14 WAS ANTICIPATED BACK IN 1996.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I UNDERSTAND IT. I GOT THE SAME EMAIL.  
17 I THINK WE ALL DID. THERE ARE TWO PAGES OF ISSUES THAT ARE  
18 RAISED, NOT JUST THAT ONE. AND THEY'RE ALL PRETTY SELF-  
19 EVIDENT. THEY'RE THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT EVERYBODY WHO  
20 OPPOSES OR QUESTIONS A PROJECT WOULD RAISE, LEGITIMATELY  
21 RAISE. SO MY QUESTION IS: I GUESS MY QUESTION, FIRST OF ALL,  
22 COULD YOU DESCRIBE THE PROJECT THAT'S UNDER CONSIDERATION  
23 HERE? WHAT IS THIS SEWER PROJECT?

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1   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** THIS PROJECT APPROXIMATELY WE'RE GOING TO BE  
2   BUILDING APPROXIMATELY 6,342 LINEAR FEET OF SEWER LINE TO ADD  
3   ADDITIONAL CAPACITY FOR THESE 26 IDENTIFIED PARCELS THAT WE  
4   HAVE BEEN GETTING INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO  
5   ACCOMMODATE THIS GROWTH.

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7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW BIG OF A PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN CAPACITY  
8   DOES THIS REPRESENT FOR THE MARINA?

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10   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** THERE IS ONLY-- THIS IS ONLY CERTAIN AREAS. I  
11   DO NOT KNOW RIGHT NOW THE PERCENTAGE. BUT IT WASN'T THAT MUCH.  
12   BUT BASICALLY WHAT IT IS IS WE HAVE 26 PARCELS. THEY HAVE  
13   INDICATED TO ME THAT WE ARE DEALING WITH APARTMENTS, WE'RE  
14   DEALING WITH ADDITIONAL HOTEL ROOMS, WE'RE DEALING WITH OTHER  
15   ISSUES HERE THAT WE HAVE. IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE  
16   ADEQUATE SEWER CAPACITY, THAT'S WHY WE'RE BUILDING THIS SEWER  
17   LINE.

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

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21   **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT LIST THAT PUBLIC  
22   WORKS IS LOOKING AT FOR ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENT AND COMPARE IT  
23   TO WHAT WAS IN THE L.C.P. IN 1996 AS ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENT.

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1   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** I BELIEVE WE CAN COME BACK WITHIN TWO WEEKS  
2   AND EITHER PUT SOME ADDITIONAL WORDS INTO THE DOCUMENT OR  
3   WHATEVER. BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO DELAY THE PROJECT. I DON'T  
4   BELIEVE IT WILL DELAY THE PROJECT.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DIDN'T ASK FOR A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.  
7   YOU ASKED THAT THIS BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT. YOU WANT TO  
8   BRING IT BACK IN TWO WEEKS?

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10   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** YES, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING IT BACK IN TWO  
11   WEEKS. THAT WAS MY INTENT.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. KNABE IS NOT GOING TO BE HERE IN TWO  
14   WEEKS, I DON'T THINK. MY GUT TELLS ME THAT WHEN YOU DO A  
15   SIGNIFICANT SEWER PROJECT-- AND I THINK A SEWER PROJECT OF  
16   THIS MAGNITUDE IS NOT A TRIVIAL MATTER. IT'S A PROJECT. IT'S  
17   OBVIOUSLY SUBJECT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.  
18   IT'S OVER A MILE LONG WORTH OF SEWERS. IT'S TO SERVICE  
19   INCREASED DENSITY, DEVELOPMENT IN THE MARINA AREA. SO IT SEEMS  
20   TO ME, I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND, WHEN UNDER THE  
21   CIRCUMSTANCES, LET'S ASSUME FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT-- I'M NOT  
22   SAYING THAT IT IS-- BUT LET'S ASSUME FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT  
23   THAT THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTALLY. UNDER WHAT  
24   CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD A SIGNIFICANT SEWER PROJECT OF THIS TYPE  
25   QUALIFY FOR A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOT A FULL



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1 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT OR A MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
2 DECLARATION?

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4 **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** WELL IT'S A JUDGMENT CALL AS TO A  
5 MEASUREMENT OF WHAT THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ARE AND WHETHER  
6 THEY CAN BE MITIGATED OR NOT. WE HAD SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE  
7 FACT THAT THIS WAS AN INCREASE IN CAPACITY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, SPEAK UP.

10

11 **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** WE HAD SOME CONCERNS THAT THIS WAS AN  
12 INCREASE IN CAPACITY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL OF COURSE IT IS. HE JUST SAID IT WAS.  
15 HE'S SAYING IT'S DESIGNED TO SERVICE THE INCREASED DEVELOPMENT  
16 IN THE MARINA. AND IT'S 6,000 SOME ODD LINEAR FEET OF MORE  
17 SEWERS. IT'S ADDED CAPACITY. IT'S NOT REPLACING THE EXISTING  
18 SEWER LINE, IT'S ADDING TO IT, CORRECT?

19

20 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** YES, ABSOLUTELY. AND THE REASON I'M SAYING  
21 IT'S NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY IMPACT IS BECAUSE WHEN THE L.C.P.  
22 WAS APPROVED IN 1996, IT ANTICIPATED THAT CERTAIN GROWTH WAS  
23 GOING TO TAKE PLACE. AND THIS GROWTH IS TAKING PLACE, BUT IT  
24 WAS LESS THAN WHAT WAS ANTICIPATED.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU BUY THAT? LET'S SAY IT'S TRUE, DOES  
2   THAT ABSOLVE THE COUNTY FROM HAVING TO DO A MORE THOROUGH  
3   ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW?

4

5   **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** IT MAY. I MEAN WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT  
6   THE SUBSTANCE OF THE L.C.P. AND THAT HAS NOT BEEN DONE.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS IT THAT YOU'D BE LOOKING FOR?  
9   SPECIFICITY IN THE 1996 L.C.P.?

10

11   **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** YES. AND ALSO-- ALTHOUGH IT IS CLEAR THAT  
12   IT IS THE FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT,  
13   THERE IS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER WE CAN RELY ON IT IN THE  
14   SAME WAY WE WOULD RELY ON A PRIOR ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, IT MAY BE, IT MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE  
17   FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT, WHATEVER THAT MEANS, OF AN  
18   ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT. BUT IT'S STILL SUBJECT TO THE  
19   CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. AND WE HAVE AT LEAST HAD  
20   BEFORE US TODAY A NEGATIVE DECLARATION. IF IT WAS THE  
21   FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN HAD TO DO THAT, I  
22   WOULDN'T THINK.

23

24   **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** THE L.C.P. IS NOT SUBJECT TO C.E.Q.A. IT'S  
25   BEEN DETERMINED, IT IS A SEPARATE ANIMAL, BUT IT'S--



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**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UNDERSTOOD. BUT IF THE ARGUMENT IS-- THE ARGUMENT THAT HE'S MAKING IS THAT, BECAUSE IT'S A FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, I DON'T BUY IT. BECAUSE THE FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENCY-- THE FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENCY MEANS YOU HAVE ALREADY DONE WHAT YOU NEEDED TO DO TO ACHIEVE THAT ANALYSIS, THEN WHY WOULD YOU EVEN DO A NEGATIVE DECLARATION? A NEGATIVE DECLARATION IN AND OF ITSELF IS A DECISION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

11

**KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** WELL, YOU COULD DO A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOLLOWING AN E.I.R. FOR MINOR CHANGES THAT WERE NOT--

14

**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOLLOWING SOME KIND OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, NOT AN E.I.R. BUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT MIGHT LEAD YOU TO CONCLUDE THAT YOU NEED TO DO A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT?

19

**KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** THAT'S TRUE.

21

**SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAS THAT ANALYSIS BEEN DONE? DID YOUR DEPARTMENT DO THAT ANALYSIS?

24

**DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** OUR DEPARTMENT DID OUR ANALYSIS, YES.

25





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND YOUR DEPARTMENT CAME TO THE CONCLUSION  
3 THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS SUFFICIENT FOR THIS PARTICULAR  
4 PROJECT?

5

6 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** YES, SIR, BECAUSE WE HAVE ALSO DONE THE SAME  
7 THING WHEN WE UPGRADED THE WATER LINES IN THE MARINA. AND WE  
8 DID THE SAME THING AND THERE WAS NO COMMENTS, NO NOTHING, BUT  
9 I THINK--

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UPGRADING THE WATER LINES IS DIFFERENT THAN  
12 INCREASING SEWER CAPACITY, ISN'T IT?

13

14 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** UPGRADING THE WATER LINES IS THE SAME THING.  
15 IT'S BASICALLY INCREASING--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS UPGRADING THE WATER LINES? WHAT DOES  
18 THAT MEAN?

19

20 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** BASICALLY WHAT IT MEANS IS INCREASING THE  
21 CAPACITY OF THE WATER LINES TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL  
22 PRESSURES AND ADDITIONAL FLOWS THAT NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE THIS  
23 DEVELOPMENT.

24



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S NOT JUST TAKING RUSTY PIPES AND  
2    MAKING THEM RUST-FREE PIPES. WHEN WAS THAT DONE? WHEN WAS THE  
3    WATER-- WHEN WERE THE WATER LINES UPGRADED?

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5    **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** I THINK IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS WE  
6    HAVE UPGRADED THE MAJORITY OF THE WATER LINES.

7

8    **SUP. KNABE:** THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED?

11

12   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** YES.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY'RE IN PLACE?

15

16   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** YES.

17

18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE WATER LINE  
19   ISSUES. BUT IF WE GOT LUCKY AND WEREN'T CHALLENGED ON THAT,  
20   THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE WERE RIGHT.

21

22   **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** THAT'S WHY WE'RE BEING VERY CAREFUL IN WHAT  
23   WE'RE DOING. WE'RE TRYING TO AVOID A LAWSUIT. WE'RE TRYING TO  
24   MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS OKAY. THAT'S WHY WE'RE PROVIDING THE  
25   INFORMATION. WE'RE GOING TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN WITH ALL THE



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1 DEPARTMENTS AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS  
2 OKAY. I BELIEVE IT IS. AND IF I'M WRONG, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE  
3 IT-- THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO BASICALLY TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT IT  
4 TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING IS-- WHAT WE'RE DOING IS BASED ON  
5 THE LAW.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WERE YOU ALL CONSULTED ABOUT THIS ALONG THE  
8 WAY?

9

10 **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** YES, WE WERE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S YOUR CONCLUSION?

13

14 **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** WELL, WE FELT THAT THE SAFER WAY TO GO  
15 WOULD BE TO DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID YOU ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ACCORDINGLY?

18

19 **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** YES, MY STAFF DID.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ISSUE HERE, THAT WAS DEEP IN THE BOWELS OF THE  
22 SYSTEM, EITHER YOUR STAFF AND HIS STAFF.

23

24 **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** THAT'S CORRECT.

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE WHAT CONCERNED ME IS FINDING THIS OUT  
2   TODAY AND THEN BEING TOLD BY HIM, HE FOUND OUT TODAY, BEING  
3   TOLD BY ANOTHER DEPARTMENT HEAD, SANTOS, THAT HE FOUND OUT  
4   TODAY AND THEN MR. FORTNER FINDING OUT TODAY. I DON'T KNOW  
5   WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO THE CONVERSATION IN THE LAST 30  
6   DAYS, BECAUSE COUNTY COUNSEL INDICATED THAT HE TOLD THE  
7   DEPARTMENT 30 DAYS AGO TO RE-ANALYZE A COUPLE OF ISSUES.  
8   OBVIOUSLY IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER DONE A NEGATIVE DEC.  
9   ON A SEWER SYSTEM.

10

11   **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** RIGHT.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S NOT UNUSUAL.

14

15   **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** THERE IS NO BRIGHT LINE. IT WAS OUR  
16   JUDGMENT, WHICH IS GENERALLY VERY CONSERVATIVE, THAT THE SAFER  
17   WAY TO GO WOULD BE TO DO AN EXPANDED DOCUMENT.

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SEWER LINES THAT I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WHERE  
20   THERE'S BEEN AN EXPANSION-- EVEN WHEN THERE HASN'T BEEN AN  
21   EXPANSION, LIKE A REPLACEMENT, HOLLY HILLS, IS THAT WHAT IT  
22   WAS CALLED, THAT WENT FROM SUPERVISOR BURKE'S DISTRICT ALL THE  
23   WAY UP? I MEAN JUST UP TO THE HOLLYWOOD HILLS. JUST, FORGET  
24   THE INCREASED CAPACITY, IF THERE WAS ANY INCREASED CAPACITY,  
25   WHAT IT MEANT FOR DEVELOPMENT-- JUST THE DISRUPTION OF THE



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1 ROADS, THE TRAFFIC IMPLICATIONS, THAT ALONE, THE CONSTRUCTION  
2 ASPECT OF IT ALONE, WARRANTED AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.  
3 I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS IS IN THE MARINA AND HOW MANY STREETS  
4 ARE GOING TO BE DISRUPTED AND HOW MUCH TRAFFIC IS GOING TO GET  
5 BACKED UP ON THE 90 AND ON THE MARINA FREEWAY AND ALL THOSE  
6 OTHER THINGS, MAYBE NOTHING. SO JUST THE PROJECT ITSELF,  
7 FORGET WHAT YOU'D STUDIED IN 1996, JUST THE PROJECT ITSELF AND  
8 WHAT IMPACT THE CONSTRUCTION WILL HAVE, THE AIR QUALITY, THE  
9 THIS AND THAT, I MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO AN  
10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ON EVERY ONE OF THOSE-- OR  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE, AT LEAST, ON EVERY ONE OF THOSE  
12 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, IF IT'S A HOTEL OR AN APARTMENT,  
13 WHATEVER IT IS. EVEN THOUGH IT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE L.C.P.  
14 THE L.C.P. DOESN'T ABSOLVE THE COUNTY OR THE DEVELOPER FROM  
15 DOING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

16

17 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** EVERY PROJECT THAT NEEDS TO BE APPROVED HAS  
18 TO HAVE ITS OWN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS THAT NEED TO BE  
19 APPROVED.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXACTLY.

22

23 **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** AS FAR AS THE TRAFFIC AND THINGS LIKE THAT  
24 DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT, YES, IT WOULD BE  
25 TRAFFIC. AND WE HAVE TAKEN THE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PROVIDE



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1 FOR THAT. THERE IS A LITTLE CONFUSION AS TO WHAT'S BEEN  
2 HAPPENING IN THE MARINA BECAUSE AT THE SAME TIME, THE CITY OF  
3 L.A. IS BUILDING A DUAL SYSTEM FOR DIFFERENT REASONS TO  
4 ACCOMMODATE OVERFLOWS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND THERE IS A  
5 LITTLE CONFUSION ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC WHICH PROJECT IS  
6 THE CITY OF L.A.'S PROJECT AND WHICH PART IS THE COUNTY OF  
7 L.A.'S PROJECT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THERE'S NO CONFUSION ON THAT POINT AS  
10 RELATES TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL. WHAT I HEARD THIS MORNING IS  
11 THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE, YOUR SUBORDINATES-- NOT YOU, BUT  
12 I DON'T HEAR YOU DISPUTINGWHAT YOUR SUBORDINATES HAVE DONE.

13

14 **KAREN LINCOLNBURG:** THAT'S CORRECT

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RECOMMENDED DOING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
17 REPORT. THE DEPARTMENT CAME FORWARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF  
18 A NEGATIVE DEC. THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN THE  
19 DEPARTMENT AND OUR LEGAL COUNSEL. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD REASON  
20 TO TAKE THIS OFF CALENDAR. I'M NOT SURE YOU'RE GOING TO  
21 RESOLVE THIS. I DON'T KNOW.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REQUEST IS IT'S CONTINUED FOR WHAT, TWO  
24 WEEKS?

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ORIGINAL WAS TO TAKE IT OFF CALENDAR.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT WAS REFERRED BACK, FOR THEM TO COME BACK  
4    WITH IT.

5

6    **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** IT WAS MY HOPE, SUPERVISOR, THAT WE WILL BE  
7    ABLE TO RESOLVE THESE ISSUES AND BRING IT BACK.

8

9    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO JUST GO ALONG WITH THE ORIGINAL  
10    RECOMMENDATION. YOU BRING IT BACK WHEN YOU ALL ARE READY TO  
11    BRING IT BACK. IT MAY NOT BE IN TWO WEEKS. IF IT IS, IT IS.  
12    BUT IF IT ISN'T, THERE IS NO REASON TO CLUTTER THE CALENDAR.

13

14    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK TWO WEEKS WAS IN THE MOTION.  
15    THE MOTION WAS TO REFER IT BACK.

16

17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I'M NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH THAT.

18

19    **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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21    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, MR. KNABE.

22

23    **SUP. KNABE:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GOT THE SAME EMAIL WE ALL GOT. I THOUGHT  
2    IT HAD A LOT OF POINTS. APPARENTLY OUR LAWYERS THOUGHT IT HAD  
3    A LOT OF POINTS.

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5    **SUP. KNABE:** I DIDN'T GET THE EMAIL.

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7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT YOU DID. YOU MAY HAVE. I THOUGHT I  
8    SAW YOUR NAME ON IT. IT WENT WORLDWIDE.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE:** IT DEPENDS ON WHO IT'S FROM.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU. I'VE GOT IT RIGHT HERE.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I GUESS THE IMPORTANT THING IS IT'S ALL  
15   NEW TALK. THIS THING HAS BEEN ALL--

16

17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK WE'RE REFERRING IT BACK TO THE  
18   DEPARTMENT. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO IT BEING REFERRED BACK  
19   TO THE DEPARTMENT?

20

21   **SUP. KNABE:** NO. ABSOLUTELY NOT.

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION, THE ITEM IS  
24   REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.

25



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1    **DEAN EFSTATHIOU:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. ARE YOU GOING TO CALL UP ITEM  
4    18?

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6    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 18 RELATES TO ITEM 43, AS WELL.

7

8    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. LUTHER  
9    MEDINA WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THAT?

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CALL THAT UP.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S ALSO ITEM 43?

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15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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19   **LUTHER MEDINA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LUTHER MEDINA AND I AM  
20   A BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SHEET METALWORKERS' LOCAL  
21   105. OUR LOCAL UNION REPRESENTS BOTH SHEET METAL WORKERS AND  
22   WELDERS WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND SURROUNDING AREAS. I  
23   HAVE BEEN THE SUBSECTOR REPRESENTATIVE FOR APPROXIMATELY 24  
24   MONTHS. IN LATE DECEMBER, 2006, WHILE MAKING MY ROUNDS TO THE  
25   VARIOUS COUNTY FACILITIES, I MET WITH THE WELDERS AT THE



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1 EASTERN AVENUE FIRE SHOP IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AND GET  
2 A FEEL FOR WHAT TYPE OF WORK THEY PERFORMED. AS AN  
3 ARCHITECTURAL SHEET METAL WORKER MYSELF, I WAS VERY IMPRESSED  
4 WITH THE EXPERTISE AND DESIGNABILITY DEMONSTRATED BY THESE  
5 CRAFTSMEN. IT WAS VERY EVIDENT THAT THESE GENTLEMEN HAD BEEN  
6 WORKING OUT OF CLASS FOR SOMETIME AND THAT THE INITIAL JOB  
7 FUNCTION OF WELDER AT THE EASTERN AVENUE FIRE SHOP HAD EVOLVED  
8 INTO SHEET METAL WORKER OVER THE PREVIOUS 10 TO 15 YEARS.  
9 AFTER MY INITIAL CONTACT WITH WELDERS ROD MORRIS, MARK COPELY  
10 AND DENNIS NOYES, I MADE CONTACT WITH MR. DANIEL BELAU,  
11 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LOS ANGELES BUILDING AND  
12 CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL TO FIND OUT THE APPROPRIATE  
13 PROTOCOL FOR RECLASSIFYING THESE WELDERS AS SHEET  
14 METALWORKERS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST STEP WOULD BE TO  
15 SEEK CONFIRMATION OF THE RECLASS FROM THE SUPERVISORS AND  
16 DEPARTMENT HEADS. THEREFORE, IN JANUARY OF 2007, I WENT BACK  
17 TO THE EASTERN AVENUE FIRE SHOP TO SEEK APPROVAL OF MY  
18 INTENTIONS ON BEHALF OF MR. MORRIS, MR. COPELY AND MR. NOYES.  
19 I SPOKE WITH THE VISITING CHIEF OF FLEET SERVICES, GARY  
20 TEPPER, NOW RETIRED, AND THEN ACTING ASSISTANT DIVISION, CRAIG  
21 WEEKS, WHO IS NOW THE DIVISION CHIEF. BOTH MEN CONFIRMED MY  
22 RECOMMENDATIONS AND SPOKE VERY HIGHLY OF THESE SHEET METAL  
23 WORKERS/WELDERS. IN FACT, IN A FOLLOW UP EMAIL SENT TO ME ON  
24 JANUARY 25TH, 2007, CHIEF TEPPER WROTE, AND I QUOTE, "THE  
25 MAJORITY OF THEIR WORK IS CUSTOM SHEET METAL WORK. AND THESE



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1 EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN WORKING OUT OF CLASSIFICATION FOR YEARS. "

2 ON BEHALF OF OUR ANTICIPATED NEWEST SHEET METAL WORKERS, MR.

3 NORRIS, MR. NOYES AND MR. COPELY, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS

4 OPPORTUNITY TO THANK ALL THOSE INVOLVED WHO ASSISTED US

5 THROUGHOUT THE RECLASSIFICATION PROCESS BEGINNING IN DECEMBER

6 OF 2006 INCLUDING MR. DANIEL BELAU, OF THE L.A. BUILDING AND

7 CONSTRUCTION TRADES, RETIRED DIVISION CHIEF GARY TEPPER,

8 DIVISION CHIEF CRAIG WEEKS, CLASS COMP. REPRESENTATIVE MAURICE

9 ALDEVAR, SENIOR ANALYST, MR. CHRISTOPHER CHADWICK AND MISS

10 MARIE PASQUAL, C.E.O., EMPLOYEE RELATIONS FOR GETTING ME

11 THROUGH THE PROCESS AND RESPONDING TO ALL MY CALLS AND EMAILS.

12 WITH THAT SAID, AND ON APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

13 FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION AS OUTLINED UNDER ITEM 18 ATTACHMENT

14 B, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION FROM THE BOARD

15 THAT THE SHEET METAL WORKERS IN CONFERENCE BE ALLOCATED THE

16 DIFFERENCE IN PAY FOR 20 MONTHS THEY PATIENTLY WAITED DURING

17 THIS PROCESS. WE UNDERSTAND THERE IS A COST FACTOR TO THIS

18 REQUEST BUT FEEL THAT A GOOD FAITH EFFORT ON BEHALF OF THE

19 COUNTY BE EXTENDED TO THESE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING

20 OUT OF CLASS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND I HAVE PREPARED A COST

21 FACTOR SPREADSHEET FOR YOUR REVIEW AND AM WILLING TO DISCUSS

22 THIS MATTER FURTHER UPON REVIEW.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE C.E.O. WILL TAKE A

25 LOOK AT THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES.



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1 SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION. ITEM 18 AND ITEM  
2 42.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 43.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 43, ARE APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT ISSUE.

11

12 **LUTHER MEDINA:** I HAD A COMMENT ON 43, AS WELL.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, ON 43. JUST ITEM 18 WAS APPROVED  
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION. WE'LL GO TO 43. I THOUGHT THEY WERE BOTH  
16 COMING UP AT THE SAME TIME.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THEY ARE. THEY ARE RELATED.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY ARE RELATED BUT YOU CAN GO ON AND MAKE  
21 YOUR OTHER COMMENTS.

22

23 **LUTHER MEDINA:** ON ITEM 18, DO I GIVE THE SPREADSHEETS TO THE  
24 AUDITOR? OR WILL SOMEONE CONTACT ME?

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE'S OVER THERE.

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3    **LUTHER MEDINA:** OKAY. ON ITEM 43, SECTION 4, I WOULD  
4    RESPECTFULLY OPPOSE THE ELIMINATION OF THE TITLE "SENIOR  
5    WELDER." THERE ARE WELDERS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT THE POQUOMA  
6    FIRE STATION. IN FACT, THEY PROBABLY NEED MORE WELDERS. AND  
7    WITH THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE WELDERS AT EASTERN AVENUE,  
8    THIS CURRENT SENIOR WELDER WILL NOW BECOME A SENIOR SHEET  
9    METAL WORKER. THE SENIOR WELDER POSITION CAN GO TO THE MOST  
10    SENIOR WELDER AT PACOIMA FIRE STATION. WITH THE GROWING NUMBER  
11    OF STATIONS IN THE FACILITIES, THERE IS A DIRECT CORRELATION  
12    TO THE GROWING AMOUNT OF JOBS AT THE WELDING SHOP. AND IN  
13    FACT, I JUST SPOKE THIS MORNING WITH SECTION CHIEF MIKE NUZAL  
14    FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES BUREAU, AND HE  
15    DID ALSO HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT ELIMINATING THE POSITION OF  
16    SENIOR WELDER.

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18    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL ASK HIM TO COME AND  
19    ADDRESS THAT ISSUE. DO YOU HAVE OTHER ISSUES? WOULD YOU LIKE  
20    TO RESPOND TO THAT? ELIMINATION OF THE SENIOR WELDER?

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22    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HEARD THAT. OUR CLASS  
23    COMP. STAFF ASKED IF WE COULD LOOK AT THAT IN MORE DETAIL AND  
24    THEN REPORT BACK.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 43, THEN IT WILL BE MOVED BY  
2    YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH THAT THE ITEM BE APPROVED  
3    WITH THE REQUEST THAT THE SENIOR WELDER POSITION BE REVIEWED  
4    BY THE AUDITOR AND REPORT BACK WITHIN TWO WEEKS. REVIEWED BY  
5    THE C.E.O. AND REPORT BACK WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

6

7    **LUTHER MEDINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THAT ISSUE. THE REST OF IT IS APPROVED.  
10    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. BUT THAT ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE  
11    SENIOR WELDER IS THE ONE THAT WILL BE REPORTED BACK.

12

13    **LUTHER MEDINA:** THANK YOU.

14

15    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES YOUR ITEM. SUPERVISOR KNABE  
16    FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

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18    **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. TODAY I MOVE THAT WE  
19    ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GERALDINE BORGER WHO WAS BORN IN HAWAII,  
20    PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 6TH. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY HER FAMILY  
21    AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JOHN, THREE  
22    CHILDREN, CONNIE, KENNETH AND DEBRA, A SISTER AND NUMEROUS  
23    GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE'S THE MOTHER OF KIM  
24    AND CONNIE EDWARDS AND CITY COUNCIL MAN IN CITY OF CERRITOS  
25    AND GOOD FRIENDS. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT MAJOR





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1 DAVID OWEN WHO RECENTLY RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES MARINE  
2 CORPS. HE WILL BE BURIED WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS. HE IS  
3 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DOTTY. OUR HEARTS AND THOUGHTS AND  
4 PRAYERS GO OUT TO DOTTY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD  
5 BRIDGES, REDONDO BEACH RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK AT  
6 THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF 64. HE SERVED AS FIRE CHIEF IN THE CITY  
7 OF REDONDO BEACH FOR FIVE YEARS. VERY INVOLVED AT THE SANTA  
8 ANA COLLEGE IN RUNNING THE SCHOOL'S FIRE ACADEMY. HE WAS A  
9 FIRE CHIEF PREVIOUSLY IN NATIONAL CITY AND DALY CITY BEFORE  
10 BEING HIRED TO BE THE CHIEF IN REDONDO. AND IN 1994 HE TOOK  
11 THE FIRE CHIEF JOB IN SANTA MONICA. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
12 ALICE 28 YEARS AND THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS, LISA, CINDY AND FOUR  
13 GRAND DAUGHTERS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THOMAS BROUGH, A  
14 LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE SOUTH BAY AND NORTH HILLS WHO WAS  
15 TRAGICALLY KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT RECENTLY. HE WAS  
16 ONLY 55 YEARS OLD. SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER BOBBIE, WIFE SUE,  
17 TWO SONS, KEVIN AND KRIS, DAUGHTER KELLY, SIX GRANDCHILDREN  
18 AND TWO BROTHERS. ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF GENE ALICE DREVNO,  
19 A FORMER TORRANCE CITY COUNCILWOMAN AND EDUCATOR, MOTHER OF  
20 NINE WHO HAD A LONG RECORD OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY, PASSED  
21 AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 78. SHE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE  
22 CITY, NOT ONLY SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, BUT ALSO  
23 CHAIRING THE COMMUNITY'S PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE, VERY  
24 INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. SHE WAS A DIRECTOR OF THE  
25 TORRANCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND IN 2006 WAS NAMED SOUTH BAY



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1 WOMAN OF THE YEAR. SHE IS SURVIVED BY SEVEN SONS, TWO  
2 DAUGHTERS AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
3 MEMORY OF JAMES GILMARTIN WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY FROM  
4 COMPLICATIONS DUE TO CANCER WHERE THEY WERE FIRST DIAGNOSED IN  
5 2006. HE WAS ONLY 44 YEARS OLD. DEPUTY GILMARTIN WAS A 17-YEAR  
6 VETERAN OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE HAD  
7 A GREAT SPIRIT, GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. HE WAS A BIG GUY BUT  
8 ALSO HAD A GREAT HEART TO MATCH. HE WILL BE MISSED BY OUR  
9 ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY HE SERVED SO WELL. HE  
10 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SABRINA AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN, KYLE  
11 AND EMILY. AND FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DANIEL  
12 JOSEPH SCOTT II WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF  
13 21. DANIEL'S FATHER HAS WORKED AS A SERGEANT FOR THE LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE STAR CENTER IN  
15 WHITTIER, FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS. DANIEL ATTENDED LOS ANGELES  
16 VALLEY COLLEGE AND PASADENA CITY COLLEGE. HE WAS SCHEDULED TO  
17 JOIN THE ARMY ON SEPTEMBER 12TH. DANIEL IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
18 FATHER, DANIEL SCOTT I AND HIS MOTHER AURORA SCOTT. DANIEL  
19 WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** LET'S SEE. I DON'T THINK SO.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THE ONLY ITEM IS SUPERVISOR  
2    ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS AND  
3    THEN YOU'RE HOLDING ITEM NUMBER 1.

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5    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 9. THERE'S ALSO A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM.

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** -- BILL COFFMAN, IT IS THE HUSBAND OF JUDY  
8    PAHN COFFMAN WHO WAS MY COMMISSIONER ON THE HUMAN RELATIONS  
9    COMMISSION. HE LEAVES BEHIND, IN ADDITION TO HIS WIFE JUDY,  
10   HIS CHILDREN MARY, RACHEL, SARAH, DANIEL AND CHRISTINE. HE WAS  
11   A GOOD FRIEND. HE REMODELED AND BUILT THE CHINESE MANDARIN  
12   BAPTIST CHURCH IN ALHAMBRA AND THE FORMER MASONIC TEMPLE THAT  
13   WAS PURCHASED A FEW YEARS AGO. BUT HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN  
14   THE COMMUNITY AND A GOOD PERSON. HE PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY.  
15   ALSO FLORA KALO, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
16   SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JAMES AND HER CHILDREN JAMES AND JOE.  
17   AND HER NIECE MARCELLA BELL WHO IS THE WIFE OF MY PRESS DEPUTY  
18   ANTHONY BELL. RONALD LESLIE CONWAY. HE SERVED WITH THE LOS  
19   ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 34 YEARS AND WAS INVOLVED  
20   IN A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS, THE LANCASTER WEST ROTARY AND  
21   THE Y.M.C.A. AND THE ELKS. JAMES GILMARTIN, DEPUTY LOS ANGELES  
22   COUNTY SHERIFF. HE PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 29TH. HIS YEARS OF  
23   SERVICE WERE FROM OCTOBER 1ST 1991 TO JUST LAST WEEK, AUGUST  
24   29TH, WHEN HE PASSED AWAY. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE WALNUT  
25   STATION. A VERY GOOD FRIEND, LONG TIME SUPPORTER. AND IT WAS



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1 WILLIAM "BILL" FREDERICKS HERTZ. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
2 84. LONG TIME THEATER EXECUTIVE. SERVED AS FORMER CHAIRMAN OF  
3 THE HOLLYWOOD WALK AND FRAME. HIS HANDS AND FOOTPRINT ARE IN  
4 FOREFRONT OF MANN'S CHINESE GRAUMAN'S THEATER. HE WAS ONE OF  
5 THE FEW NON CELEBRITIES TO ACHIEVE THIS. HE WAS LONG TIME  
6 DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR MANN. HE  
7 RETIRED IN 1991, BUT HE OVERSAW THE GRAUMAN'S CHINESE THEATER  
8 CEREMONIES FOR OVER 20 YEARS, SERVED AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES  
9 FOR THE INSTALLATION FOR OVER A DECADE. IN ADDITION, HE WAS  
10 VERY INVOLVED IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE  
11 SANTA CLAUS LANE PARADE. HE SERVED AS UNITED STATES ARMY  
12 SERGEANT DURING WORLD WAR II. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 60  
13 YEARS RUTH AND HIS TWO CHILDREN, WILLIAM JUNIOR OF GLENDALE  
14 AND STEPHEN AND A DAUGHTER MARY. HE WAS A GOOD PERSON. ALWAYS  
15 ASKING ABOUT LITTLE MICHAEL AND MARY, MY FAMILY. HE WAS A GOOD  
16 MAN. JON LOVE, RETIRED LIEUTENANT FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. JOSE CUAUTEMOC "BILL" MELENDEZ. HE WAS  
18 ONE OF THE ACTIVE WALT DISNEY STUDIOS. HE WAS THE ANIMATOR,  
19 DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER BEST KNOWN FOR THE TELEVISION PROGRAMS  
20 AND THEATRICAL FILMS FEATURING CHARLES SCHULTZ'S PEANUTS  
21 CHARACTER. HIS CAREER SPANNED OVER SEVEN DECADES AT WORK AT  
22 WALT DISNEY. LEON SCHLESINGER CARTOONS, WARNER BROTHERS,  
23 UNITED PRODUCTIONS OF AMERICA AND PLAYHOUSE PICTURES. HE HAD  
24 ESTABLISHED BILL MELENDEZ PRODUCTIONS IN 1964 WHERE HE  
25 PRODUCED CLASSICS LIKE A "CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS "WERE



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1   CREATED. HE WAS ALSO THE VOICE OF SNOOPY FOR NUMEROUS AMOUNTS  
2   OF SPECIALS, THE SATURDAY MORNING T.V. SHOWS AND FOUR FEATURE  
3   FILMS. IN ADDITION, HE CONTRIBUTED TO DISNEY'S CLASSICS,  
4   "PINOCCHIO," "FANTASIA," "BAMBI" AND "DUMBO" AS WELL AS WARNER  
5   BROTHERS' BUGS BUNNY, DAFFY DUCK, PORKY PIG AND WAS ALSO  
6   ANIMATED UNITED PRODUCTIONS OF AMERICA'S OSCAR WINNING GERALD  
7   MCBOING-BOING. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 68 YEARS, HELEN,  
8   AND HIS TWO CHILDREN. STEVEN AND RETIRED NAVY ADMIRAL RODRIGO,  
9   AND HIS SIX GRANDCHILDREN, 11 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. MARY LOUISE  
10  MILLER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 64, ACTIVE IN THE GLENDALE  
11  COMMUNITY AND SERVED AS THE GLENDALE LIBRARY LITERACY  
12  COORDINATOR. WAS REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE GLENDALE CITY  
13  EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION AND PRESIDENT FOR THE GLENDALE  
14  COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN  
15  OUR COUNTY'S OPERATION READ PROGRAM. TERRY PEARSON. RETIRED 33  
16  1/2 YEARS WITH THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE WAS  
17  A DETECTIVE. HARLEY SMITH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 38 FROM  
18  THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND JUDITH ANDERSON WHO WAS THE WIFE OF  
19  CLAYTON ANDERSON, MY APPOINTEE TO THE CITIZEN'S ECONOMY  
20  EFFICIENCY COMMISSION. JUDITH PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK. SO THOSE  
21  WERE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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23  **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ADDED ON THE ANDERSON.



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE MOTION, JUST TO ONCE AGAIN, THAT  
2   SEPTEMBER 11TH WAS THE DAY THAT A NATION PAYS TRIBUTE TO THOSE  
3   3,000 PLUS VICTIMS AND REMINDS US OF THE TRAGEDIES THAT TOOK  
4   PLACE THERE. SOME OF US WERE IN WASHINGTON. OTHERS WERE ON  
5   THEIR WAY TO WASHINGTON DIVERTED TO NEVADA. BUT IT'S A DAY  
6   THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER FORGET. IT'S AS IF IT HAPPENED  
7   YESTERDAY. SO I MEAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND I WERE THERE,  
8   MY CHIEF OF STAFF, HIS CHIEF OF STAFF, WAITING FOR THE OTHERS  
9   TO ARRIVE ONLY TO BE DIVERTED, AND THEN TRYING TO GET OUT OF  
10   WASHINGTON. BEING UNDER MARTIAL LAW. IT WAS A TRAGEDY. SO OUR  
11   SYMPATHIES GO TO THE VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES. SO I'LL  
12   SECOND YOUR MOTION.

13

14   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED WITH ALL MEMBERS.

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER REPORT WAS  
17   RECEIVED YESTERDAY, I WOULD LIKE TO BRING THIS IN TODAY AND  
18   IT'S FOLLOWING UP ON COMMENTS THAT WERE MADE BY SUPERVISORS  
19   MOLINA AND YAROSLAVSKY. ON SEPTEMBER 9TH, THE AUDITOR-  
20   CONTROLLER COMPLETED THE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
21   SERVICES REVEALING SERIOUS POLICY ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCESS  
22   WEAKNESSES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. THEY INCLUDED  
23   DEFICIENCIES IN THE CRITICAL AREAS OF COMPETENCY TESTING, AND  
24   THE TIMELY CONDUCT AND ASSESSMENT OF BACKGROUND CHECKS.  
25   PROBLEMS OUTLINED RAISED SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING THE





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1 QUALITY OF CARE BEING PROVIDED AT THIS FACILITY AND SERVED TO  
2 ERODE THE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE COUNTY'S HEALTHCARE DELIVERY  
3 SYSTEM. PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THE FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE  
4 BACKGROUND CHECKS IN A TIMELY MANNER, THE TERMINATION IN A JOB  
5 NEXUS WITH THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE BACKGROUND  
6 CHECKS, PROCESS ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH INCONSISTENT COMPETENCY  
7 TESTING AND FINDINGS IN COMPETENCY TESTING SHOWING THAT A  
8 LARGE PERCENTAGE OF STAFF AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HARBOR COULD  
9 NOT PASS TESTING AND WERE NOT HELD TO BE AT CONSISTENT  
10 COMPETENCY STANDARD. SOME OF THE M.L.K. HARBOR NURSES REQUIRED  
11 AS MANY AS FOUR ATTEMPTS TO PASS A TEST STATION AND  
12 DEMONSTRATED HIGH FAILURE RATES IN CORE SKILLS, REFLECTING  
13 THAT THE MAJORITY OF STAFF DID NOT HAVE A BASIC WORKING  
14 KNOWLEDGE OR SKILLS TO PERFORM THE GENERIC COMPETENCIES IN A  
15 SIMULATED ENVIRONMENT AND AS REPORTED IN THE AUDITOR-  
16 CONTROLLER'S REPORT, THERE ARE QUESTIONS WHETHER THE SKILL OF  
17 THE TESTED EMPLOYEES COULD BE APPLIED IN PRACTICE. BEING  
18 UNACCEPTABLE, THE INCOMPETENT STAFF, POTENTIALLY GUILTY OF  
19 UNACCEPTABLE CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR, ARE ALLOWED TO BE TRUSTED WITH  
20 THE LIFE AND WELL BEING OF PATIENTS. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE  
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WOULD DIRECT THE C.E.O., THE INTERIM  
22 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO  
23 IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S  
24 REPORT AND COMPLETE THE RECOMMENDED EVALUATION OF JOB NEXUS  
25 DETERMINATIONS BROUGHT INTO QUESTION IN THE AUDITOR'S REPORT,





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1 AND ENSURE THAT THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED  
2 FROM M.L.K. HARBOR TO OTHER FACILITIES HAVE COMPLETED ALL  
3 NECESSARY BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS AND ESTABLISHED A PROCESS  
4 TO EVALUATE THE COMPETENCIES OF THE STAFF AT M.L.K. HARBOR  
5 USING AN APPROACH THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE BEST PRACTICES  
6 FOR SUCH TESTING. AND I HAVE HERE REPORTING BACK WITH A WORK  
7 IN PROGRESS NEXT WEEK ON THIS. SO THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION,  
8 MADAME CHAIRMAN.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAY I ASK A QUESTION ON IT?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MR. ANTONOVICH DOES IN  
15 ASKING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS BE IMPLEMENTED I THINK HAS  
16 TREMENDOUS VALUE. HE ALSO ASKED YOU TO COME BACK IN A WEEK TO  
17 PUT TOGETHER A PLAN. THE PROBLEM THAT I HAVE AND I'M TRYING TO  
18 UNDERSTAND, IN ONE OF THE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE 99 CONVICTIONS  
19 AND THERE IS CLEARLY-- SOMEONE HAS MADE A DETERMINATION THAT  
20 THERE IS NO NEXUS. HERE IT SAYS THAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT  
21 THAT IT WILL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO REVIEW, WHEREAS I THINK IT  
22 WOULD TAKE ONE DAY TO LOOK AT 99 FILES. ONE DAY TO LOOK AT 99  
23 FILES AND FIND OUT WHO SIGNED OFF THAT SAYS THERE'S NO NEXUS.  
24 I MEAN, I DON'T THINK IT'S A CHECK MARK. THERE MUST BE SOME  
25 RATIONALE, AND I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. IF SOMEBODY'S BEEN



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1 CONVICTED OF DRUG PROBLEMS, I DON'T SEE HOW THEY COULD WORK IN  
2 A HOSPITAL. IF THEY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF THEFT, I DON'T SEE  
3 HOW THEY COULD WORK IN A HOSPITAL. IF THEY HAVE BEEN CONVICTED  
4 OF ASSAULT. SO I EXPECT THAT NEXT WEEK, OF THESE 99 CASES I  
5 THINK IT WOULD BE WORTH WHILE-- I KNOW YOU CAN'T DO IT IN A  
6 PUBLIC SETTING, BUT TO GO INTO A PUBLIC SESSION. I DON'T THINK  
7 IT WOULD TAKE US THAT LONG FOR SOMEBODY TO DO A QUICK MATRIX  
8 OF THE 99 CASES. AND WHAT I FIND HARD TO BELIEVE IS THE FACT  
9 THAT SOMEBODY SIGNED OFF AND SAID THERE IS NO NEXUS. NOW I'M  
10 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION WOULD  
11 FIND NO NEXUS TO A SECURED FACILITY, A HOSPITAL THAT HAS  
12 DRUGS, THAT HAS ALL KINDS OF EQUIPMENT, THAT HAS ALL KINDS OF  
13 FRAGILE PATIENTS, THAT I THINK HAS A LOT OF SECURITY ISSUES.  
14 BESIDES THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF PATIENT RECORDS. I MEAN I'M  
15 TRYING TO THINK OF WHAT KIND OF A CONVICTION. EVEN A WHITE  
16 COLLAR CRIME.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THE MAN WHO HAD THE HEDGES THAT HE  
19 DIDN'T CUT MIGHT BE ONE. YOU WANT TO LOOK AT THAT..

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE DIDN'T CUT HEDGES, AND HE GOT A CRIMINAL  
22 CONVICTION FOR NOT CUTTING HEDGES?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** HE'S ONE OF THE PEOPLE ON THE LIST, YEAH.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** HE GOT A CRIMINAL CONVICTION FOR NOT CUTTING  
2    HEDGES?

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4    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, A MISDEMEANOR.

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION  
7    THAT IS.

8

9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LOOK, YOU'VE READ THE REPORTS.

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA:** CUTTING WHAT HEDGES?

12

13   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE CAN COME BACK AND DISCUSS THAT. BUT THERE  
14   WAS A WIDE RANGE.

15

16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DRUGS YOU'RE RIGHT. ABSOLUTELY.

17

18   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND. I DON'T  
19   KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE CONVICTED OF NOT CUTTING THEIR  
20   HEDGES.

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOT MANY.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** MAYBE ON THAT ONE YOU SHOULDN'T BE A GARDENER.  
2   BUT SOMEBODY TO BE CONVICTED OF THAT, MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE  
3   THEY HAD BEEN TOLD CONSTANTLY.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PROBABLY HAD BEEN TOLD TO CUT THEM, AND  
6   EITHER THEY CUT THEM--

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING MORE THAN THAT.

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10   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE SHOULD HAVE A DISCUSSION. PART OF THAT  
11   DETERMINATION, THERE ARE SOME THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY  
12   STRAIGHTFORWARD. ONE WOULD LOOK AT IT, A LAYPERSON, LET ALONE  
13   AN ATTORNEY WOULD LOOK AT IT, AND SAY, "YES, IT'S AN ABSOLUTE  
14   NEXUS. THE PERSON SHOULDN'T WORK." A CRITICAL FACTOR-- BECAUSE  
15   I DID THAT WHEN I WAS A PERSONNEL DIRECTOR AT ONE OF THE  
16   HOSPITALS, THAT WAS ONE OF MY FUNCTIONS-- A CRITICAL FACTOR IS  
17   ALSO THE RECENCY. IF WE'RE HIRING SOMEBODY, FOR EXAMPLE, WHO  
18   HAD A TRANSGRESSION AS A JUVENILE SAY 20 YEARS PRIOR. IT'S A  
19   VERY MINOR TRANSGRESSION. IF YOU LOOK AT IT AND YOU SAY, OKAY,  
20   20 YEARS HAVE PASSED. DURING THAT 20-YEAR PERIOD, THE PERSON  
21   HAS HAD A VERY STRONG WORK HISTORY. IS IN FACT-- IS THERE A  
22   JOB NEXUS RIGHT THERE? DEPENDING UPON THE SEVERITY OF THE  
23   TRANSGRESSION, ABSOLUTELY. TIME DOESN'T CURE ANYTHING WHEN  
24   IT'S VERY, VERY SEVERE. BUT YOU MAY HAVE SOME INSTANCES WHERE  
25   THERE ARE MINOR MISDEMEANORS. THERE'S STILL NO EXCUSE FOR THE



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1 TIME IT TOOK TO ADDRESS THESE. AND YOUR SUGGESTION HAVING THAT  
2 MATRIX IS SOMETHING WE WILL PUT TOGETHER AND HAVE THAT  
3 DISCUSSION.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK YOU DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THOSE  
6 PEOPLE WHO HAVE FAILED TO LIST, AND ON SOMETHING THAT LIKE,  
7 EVEN IF IT'S CUTTING THE HEDGES, YOU HAVE TO LIST IT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT. THESE ARE ACTUAL CRIMINAL  
10 CONVICTIONS. THEY WERE CONVICTED. SO WE KNOW IT. BUT SOMEBODY  
11 WENT AS FAR TO REVIEW THIS CRIMINAL CONVICTION AND CONCLUDED  
12 THERE IS NO NEXUS. SO THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG AT MARTIN  
13 LUTHER KING AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS. WE DON'T KNOW.  
14 EVERYTHING WE TRY AND DO, IT JUST SEEPS OUT OF THE SIDES OF NO  
15 MATTER WHAT, WHETHER IT BE TESTING. WHETHER IT BE NURSES'  
16 PERFORMANCE, WHATEVER IT IS. NOW HERE IS SOMETHING WHERE THERE  
17 ARE 99. AND SOMEBODY SAT THERE AND REVIEWED IT. AND I AM  
18 CONCERNED THAT THERE IS A CANCER THAT YOU CAN'T-- I MEAN,  
19 AFTER MAJOR AMPUTATION YOU STILL CAN'T GET RID OF IT. I WANT  
20 TO KNOW WHO IS DOING THE OVERRIDING OF THESE THINGS AND WHAT  
21 THE RATIONALE IS. BECAUSE I THINK THAT-- I'M NOT GOING TO  
22 BLAME EMPLOYEES. I THINK IT'S BAD MANAGEMENT. IT IS BAD  
23 MANAGEMENT THAT IS ALLOWING THIS TO HAPPEN. SO I WANT TO KNOW  
24 WHO THESE MANAGERS ARE. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO EMPOWER THESE  
25 MANAGERS. SO I WANT TO KNOW WHO IS SIGNING OFF ON THESE KINDS



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1 OF THINGS. AND I BET YOU WE'RE GOING TO FIND A REAL PROBLEM.  
2 SO SITTING AROUND WAITING FOR MONTHS FOR SOMETHING THAT CAN BE  
3 DONE IN A DAY IS A LAME EXCUSE BY THE DEPARTMENT. AND THIS IS  
4 SERIOUS STUFF.

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL BE READY NEXT WEEK TO TALK ABOUT IT.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I AGREE WE NEED TO GET DOWN TO IT. I DON'T  
9 KNOW WHAT THE ISSUE IS BECAUSE BASICALLY EVERYONE TELLS US ALL  
10 EXAMS WERE COMPLETED. WE'VE BEEN TOLD THAT OVER AND OVER AND  
11 OVER AGAIN.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY TOLD FIBS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE TO HAVE SOME RELIANCE UPON THOSE  
16 PEOPLE WHO MAKE THOSE REPRESENTATIONS. IT'S BEEN HERE IN  
17 PUBLIC THAT WE WENT OVER THE EXAMS. AND THAT NO ONE WAS TO BE  
18 TRANSFERRED UNTIL THEY HAD PASSED THE EXAMS, SO I REALLY DON'T  
19 KNOW. AND ON THIS WHOLE CONVICTION THING, THAT HAS TOTALLY  
20 TAKEN US BY SURPRISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT ONE OF THE PEOPLE  
21 PROBABLY THE MOST SERIOUS, ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS, CAME FROM  
22 ANOTHER HOSPITAL WAS TRANSFERRED TO KING, AFTER THEY KNEW OF  
23 THIS CONVICTION. SO I THINK THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO FIND OUT  
24 EXACTLY WHAT'S BEHIND IT, WHY THIS CAN HAPPEN. IS IT  
25 THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM BUT YOU ONLY GET TO KING IF THAT'S THE



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1 ONLY PLACE YOU LOOK AT OR IS IT JUST AT KING? THIS IS THE KIND  
2 OF THING WE REALLY NEED TO UNDERSTAND. IS IT JUST KING THAT  
3 YOU HAVE THIS PHENOMENON? OR IS KING THE ONE THAT YOU LOOK AT  
4 AND YOU DON'T LOOK AT THE OTHERS? SO I REALLY NEED TO  
5 UNDERSTAND THAT PART OF IT.

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HAVE WHAT'S BEEN CHARACTERIZED AS A STRIKE  
8 TEAM, AND WE'LL CALL IT A SPECIAL TEAM OUT THERE, LED BY ONE  
9 OF OUR SENIOR MANAGERS, WHO'S LOOKING AT THE SPECIFIC ISSUE,  
10 LOOKING AT THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP. I'LL MAKE SURE  
11 THIS GENTLEMAN IS AVAILABLE NEXT HE CAN STATE WHAT STEPS HE  
12 HAS TAKEN TO ADDRESS IT, AND HOW WE'RE DEALING WITH THE LIVE  
13 SCAN ISSUE, NOT ONLY AT KING OR D.H.S., BUT WE ALSO HAVE ASKED  
14 EACH ONE OF OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS BECAUSE THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE  
15 REVIEWED ON A COUNTY WIDE BASIS. SO WE'VE ASKED EVERYONE OF  
16 OUR DEPARTMENTS TO GO THROUGH THE RECORDS TO ENSURE THAT THE  
17 BOARD'S LIVE SCAN POLICY HAS BEEN COMPLIED TO BY EACH AND  
18 EVERY DEPARTMENT. SO WE'LL BE READY TO SPEAK TO NOT ONLY THE  
19 REPORT WE HAD YESTERDAY BUT THE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THIS ON  
20 DEPARTMENT WIDE BASIS IN D.H.S. AND THEN STEPS WE'RE TAKING A  
21 LOOK AT IT ON A COUNTY WIDE BASIS? OKAY, THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SO THAT'S WITH-- WELL, WE HAVE TO  
24 DETERMINE IF THEIR EMERGENCY HAS COME UP AS IT RELATES TO THAT  
25 FIRST PORTION. IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH THAT THIS CAME TO OUR





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1 ATTENTION AFTER THE AGENDA AND SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SO THAT WE'LL TAKE UP THAT  
3 PORTION OF YOUR MOTION THAT REQUIRES ACTION, WITHOUT  
4 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND ON THIS MOTION, THEN, IT'S MOVED BY  
5 ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA; SO ORDERED.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN THE MOTION APPROVED ON THE SEVENTH A  
8 \$10,000 REWARD FOR AN INCIDENT THAT HAPPENED ON MARCH 19TH  
9 WHEREIN A WOMAN WAS SHOT AND KILLED WHILE ON THE PHONE WITH  
10 POLICE DISPATCHERS. MRS. HSIAO HONG HSU WAS IN THE PROCESS OF  
11 REPORTING A BREAK IN IN HER HOME IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF  
12 WEST COVINA WHEN THE INTRUDERS MURDERED HER. THE REWARD IS DUE  
13 TO EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 15TH. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ALSO  
14 RECOMMENDS THAT WE EXTEND THIS REWARD AND WE MOVE THEREFORE  
15 THAT THE BOARD OFFER SUCH A REWARD FOR ANY INFORMATION LEADING  
16 TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS  
17 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF MRS. HSIAO HONG HSU WHO WAS  
18 KILLED MARCH 19TH WHILE ON THE PHONE WITH POLICE DISPATCHERS  
19 REPORTING A BREAK-IN AT HER HOME IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
20 COMMUNITY OF WEST COVINA.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY KNABE.  
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE ONE. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
5 MEMORY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CORDOVA FAMILY WHO PASSED AWAY IN  
6 THIS TRAGIC AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN EAGLE ROCK.  
7 IN ADDITION TO CRISTYN, TONI AND ANDREW CORDOVA, A FAMILY  
8 FRIEND, JASON HERNANDEZ ALSO PERISHED. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR  
9 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO THE PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND  
10 FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO PASSED AWAY. WE KNOW THEY'RE IN GREAT  
11 DESPAIR AND SUFFERING TERRIBLY AT THIS TIME.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. ARE THERE ANY ITEMS YOU WISH TO  
14 BRING UP? SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I HAVE NO OTHER ITEMS.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
19 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF REVEREND KYOGYO MIURA,  
20 LONG TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT AND REVEREND AT THE GARDENA  
21 BUDDHIST CHURCH. HE PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY AUGUST 31ST. HE  
22 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, EIKO, SON WILLIAM AND  
23 GRANDSON SKYLER. AND ALICE RUIZ, LONG TIME LOS ANGELES  
24 RESIDENT WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AUGUST 6TH AT THE AGE OF 85.  
25 SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER FOUR DAUGHTERS, SYLVIA



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1 RUIZ, TONI RUIZ, GLORIA MACEDO AND DIANE ESTES, SIX  
2 GRANDCHILDREN AND SEVEN GREAT GRANDCHILDREN ALONG WITH A HOST  
3 OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SO ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO BRING UP ITEM  
4 46. COULD WE HAVE?

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 46, IF I COULD READ THE TITLE IN  
7 FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS A COMBINED HEARING ON LOCAL PLAN  
8 AMENDMENT CASE NUMBER 2006-00006-2, ZONE CHANGE CASE NUMBER.  
9 2006-00007-2, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER 2006-00158-2  
10 INVESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP CASE NUMBER 06-7377-2, NEGATIVE  
11 DECLARATION RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1535 WEST 130TH  
12 STREET, WEST ATHENS, WESTMONT ZONE DISTRICT PETITIONED BY JIM  
13 GREEN ON BEHALF OF SOUTH COAST COMMUNITIES. THERE IS A  
14 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED IN FAVOR  
15 OF THIS ITEM. AND IF I COULD SWEAR EVERYBODY IN ON THIS ITEM.  
16 SO IF YOU ARE GOING TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND  
17 AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. I THINK THERE WERE A  
18 COUPLE PEOPLE WHO HAD SIGNED UP ALSO FOR COMMENTS. IN THE  
19 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY  
20 AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE  
21 TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

22

23 **WILL CORDOVA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
24 BOARD. MY NAME IS WILL CORDOVA, AND I'M SENIOR REGIONAL  
25 PLANNING ASSISTANT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING.



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1    THANK YOU. THE PROJECT BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON IS A REQUEST  
2    FOR A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF 69 DETACHED CONDOMINIUM UNITS  
3    AND ONE PRIVATE PARK LOT IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF  
4    WEST ATHENS, WESTMONT. THE PRIVATE PARK LOT WILL PROVIDE  
5    AMENITIES CONSISTING OF A TOT LOT, WITH AGE-APPROPRIATE  
6    RECREATIONAL AREAS, A PLAZA WITH OVERHEAD SHADE STRUCTURE,  
7    PICNIC TABLES, SEMI CIRCULAR CONCRETE WALK ON THE WEST HALF OF  
8    THE PARK LOT AND A DECOMPOSED GRANITE TRAIL MEANDERING ALONG  
9    THE EAST HALF OF THE PARK LOT TURF AND TURF COVERING THE  
10    REMAINDER OF THE LOT. THE PROJECT ALSO REQUESTS A LOCAL PLAN  
11    AMENDMENT TO THE WEST ATHENS WESTMONT NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN FROM  
12    SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE TO TWO-FAMILY RESIDENCE AND A REQUEST  
13    FOR A ZONE CHANGE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO  
14    RESIDENTIAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT ZONE. THE INVESTING TENTATIVE MAP  
15    HAS BEEN FILED TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBDIVISION OF 69 UNITS, A  
16    CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT HAS ALSO BEEN FILED TO ALLOW A PLANNED  
17    RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH R.P.D. PROVISIONS  
18    WITH MODIFICATIONS INCLUDING BUILDING SEPARATION FROM 10 FEET  
19    TO 7 FEET, REDUCE REAR YARD SETBACKS FOR ONE UNIT FROM 15 FEET  
20    TO 5 FEET AND ALLOWING A 6-FOOT HIGH WALL WITHIN THE FRONT  
21    YARD SETBACK. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR  
22    THIS PROJECT. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THIS PROJECT WILL NOT  
23    EXCEED THE ESTABLISHED THRESHOLD CRITERIA FOR ANY  
24    ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR; AND AS A RESULT, WILL NOT HAVE A  
25    SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AND IS ALSO



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1 BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON. THIS PROJECT WAS BEFORE THE  
2 REGIONAL PLAN COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 28TH, 2007. INITIAL  
3 CONCERNS RAISED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING INCLUDED ORIGINAL  
4 PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE TO R-2 D.P. THAT COULD CREATE A PRESENCE  
5 THAT WOULD ALLOW MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT IN THE EXISTING  
6 NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH CONSISTS PRIMARILY OF SINGLE-FAMILY  
7 RESIDENCES. DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE APPLICANT AGREED TO  
8 WORK WITH STAFF ON REVISING THE ZONE CHANGE REQUEST FROM R-2  
9 D.P. TO R.P.D. 5,000 10-U, RESIDENTIAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT, 5,000  
10 SQUARE FEET MINIMUM REQUIRED LOT AREA, 10 DWELLING UNITS PER  
11 NET ACRE. A PROPOSED R.P.D. ZONE WILL ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO  
12 MAINTAIN THE 69 DWELLING UNITS PROPOSED AND WILL ALSO REQUIRE  
13 30 PERCENT OF OPEN SPACE. THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE PROJECT  
14 ON MAY 7TH, 2008 WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOUR BOARD  
15 APPROVE THE LOCAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE. THAT  
16 CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND STAFF IS AVAILABLE TO ANSWER ANY  
17 QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

18  
19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY ISSUES THAT WE  
20 NEED TO-- ALL RIGHT. THREE PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO APPEAR. JIM  
21 GREENE, CHARLES MOORE AND HENRY PORTER, JR. THEY'RE ALL IN  
22 SUPPORT, IS THAT CORRECT? WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME FORWARD TO  
23 SPEAK? EVERYONE IS IN SUPPORT OF IT. THEN I HAVE A MOTION THAT  
24 WE PASSED OUT. RE: ZONE CHANGE CASE 2006-0007-2, COMMUNITY  
25 PLAN AMENDMENT CASE NUMBER 2006-00006 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT



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1 NUMBER 2006-00158 IN SECOND DISTRICT, INVESTING TENTATIVE  
2 TRACT MAP NUMBER 06-7377. APPROVAL OF THIS APPLICATION WILL  
3 AUTHORIZE DEVELOPMENT OF 69 DETACHED CONDOMINIUM UNITS ON  
4 6.87-ACRE PARCELS OF LAND LOCATED AT 1535 WEST 120TH STREET IN  
5 THE WEST ATHENS WESTMONT COMMUNITY. THE SITE IS CONVENIENTLY  
6 LOCATED NEAR A METRO GREEN LINE STATION AND ALSO VERY CLOSE TO  
7 THE 105 AND 110 FREEWAY CORRIDOR. THIS IS AN AREA OF THE  
8 UNINCORPORATED COUNTY THAT HAS NOT EXPERIENCED NEW RESIDENTIAL  
9 DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS. THE SITE WAS FORMERLY USED  
10 FOR OIL PRODUCTION AND CURRENTLY CONTAINS ABANDONED WELLS AND  
11 STORAGE TANKS. THE ESTIMATED REMEDIATION COSTS FOR THIS  
12 PROPERTY ARE 2,450,000. NOT MANY DEVELOPERS ARE WILLING TO  
13 DEVELOP SITES SUCH AS THIS ONE. THERE ARE OTHER SITES IN THE  
14 IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THIS ONE AND SUFFER FROM SIMILAR  
15 PROBLEMS. I HOPE THAT THIS APPROVAL WILL ENCOURAGE OWNERS OF  
16 THOSE OTHER VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOTS TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THIS  
17 DEVELOPER. THE DENSITY OF THIS PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH  
18 EXISTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS AND NOTEWORTHY AMENITY  
19 OF THIS OF THIS PROJECT IS THAT IT CONTAINS 2.3-ACRE OPEN  
20 SPACE PRIVATE PARK FOR THE RESIDENTS' USE. I AM IMPRESSED BY  
21 THE CAREFUL DESIGN, LANDSCAPING PLAN, ALSO IMPRESSED WITH  
22 ATTENTION OF DETAIL GIVEN TO THE FRONT WALL DESIGN WHICH DOES  
23 A NICE JOB OF INTEGRATING THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT WITH THE  
24 SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND COULD SERVE AS A CATALYST FOR FUTURE  
25 DEVELOPMENT OF NEARBY PROPERTIES. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE





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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND INSTRUCT  
2 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS  
3 TO APPROVE ZONE CHANGE CASE NUMBER 2006-0007-2 SECOND DISTRICT  
4 COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT CASE 2006-00006 SECOND DISTRICT  
5 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE 2006-00158, SECOND DISTRICT  
6 VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NUMBER 067377 AND ALSO APPROVE THE  
7 COMPANY NEGATIVE DECLARATION. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT'S ALL THAT I  
9 HAVE. PUBLIC COMMENTS? ANN FAKTOROVICH, NICK DASSIAN, STEVE  
10 DASSIAN, AND PARVIZ ARIA? WOULD YOU COME FORWARD? WE'LL TAKE  
11 ANNA FAKTOROVICH FIRST. AND THEN WE'LL HAVE-- YES, WOULD YOU  
12 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

13

14 **ANNA FAKTOROVICH:** HI, MY NAME IS ANNA FAKTOROVICH. I HAVE A  
15 MASTERS' DEGREE. I WAS ACCEPTED TO TEACH AT THE SENTINEL  
16 VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. HOWEVER TODAY,  
17 THE SUBSTITUTE SUB FINDER SYSTEM IS DOWN SO I SAID I'D COME  
18 HERE INSTEAD. I MADE TWO PUBLIC COMMENTS PREVIOUSLY TO THE  
19 BOARD AND ONE WAS ABOUT THE METRO AND THE OTHER WAS ABOUT  
20 INFERIOR HOUSING PRACTICES. THIS COMMENT IS ABOUT THE UNFAIR  
21 TREATMENT OF HOMELESS PEOPLE BY THE POLICE. I WAS HARASSED AT  
22 A SHELTER. I BECAME HOMELESS BECAUSE OF ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT  
23 I TOLD YOU ABOUT PREVIOUSLY. I WAS VICTIMIZED, BATTERED AND  
24 SUCH. AND I WAS FIRED AND ET CETERA. AND SO I HAD MY PANTS, MY  
25 SHIRT, MY SOCKS AND MY UNDERWEAR STOLEN AT A SHELTER WHERE I





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1 WAS STAYING IN ORANGE COUNTY, WHICH IS THE ONLY SHELTER THAT I  
2 COULD FIND. ALL OF THE SHELTERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WERE  
3 FULL. I HAD ALL OF MY THINGS STOLEN. AND THE POLICE OFFICER  
4 CAME IN, AFTER I CALLED HIM. AND HE SUPPORTED THE STAFF THERE  
5 AND SAID THAT SINCE I HAD ALL OF MY THINGS STOLEN, I HAD TO  
6 LEAVE THE SHELTER AND SLEEP IN MY CAR. SO INSTEAD OF HELPING  
7 ME AND INVESTIGATING AND I SAW THE WOMAN WHO WAS LYING RIGHT  
8 NEXT TO ME WHO OBVIOUSLY WAS THE ONE WHO STOLE MY THINGS. I  
9 SAID SHE IS THE ONE THAT STOLE THEM. INSTEAD OF QUESTIONING  
10 HER, HE SIMPLY STILL ASKED ME TO LEAVE THE SHELTER. AND SO I  
11 HAD TO SLEEP IN MY CAR. AFTER THAT AND BEFORE THAT I SPENT  
12 ANOTHER NIGHT IN MY CAR. AND I REALLY JUST HAVE BEEN HAVING  
13 ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS THAT YOU CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE. I WENT TO  
14 DOZENS AND DOZENS OF INTERVIEWS. ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE  
15 MONROVIA SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITED ME FOR ONE INTERVIEW. AND  
16 THEN AFTER I PASSED THE TEST, WAS THE DISTRICT FOR AN  
17 INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT JOB I HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE AND I  
18 HAVE ABOUT OVER A YEAR OF TEACHING EXPERIENCE. THEY  
19 INTERVIEWED WITH ME, AND AFTER AN INTERVIEW, AS YOU CAN SEE,  
20 I'M A PRETTY NICE PERSON IN PERSON. THEY DIDN'T GIVE ME THE  
21 JOB. AND THEN THEY INVITED ME TO TAKE THE TEST ONCE AGAIN. SO  
22 THEY STILL HIRING. THEY NEED SOMEBODY. BUT THEY JUST DIDN'T  
23 HIRE ME. WHY? WELL? AND I HAVE MADE COMPLAINTS TO THIS BOARD.  
24 I HAVE SUBMITTED ABOUT 100-PAGE REPORTS. THE TWO REPORTS THAT  
25 I SUBMITTED TO THIS BOARD, SO FAR 100 PAGES, I DID NOT RECEIVE



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1 ANY HELP FROM ANYBODY ON THIS BOARD. ANY REPLIES, ANY REAL  
2 ASSISTANCE. I GAVE REPORTS TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE  
3 SHERIFF DID NOT REPLY IN ANY WAY. AND SO I HAVE BEEN BATTERED.  
4 I HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED. I HAVE HAD MY THINGS STOLEN. I HAVE HAD  
5 JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING STOLEN AND TAKEN AWAY FROM ME AND THERE  
6 HAS BEEN NO INVESTIGATION AND I HAVE RECEIVED NO HELP. I DO  
7 HOPE THAT SOMEBODY FROM THIS BOARD WILL REPLY, WILL HELP,  
8 OTHERWISE WHY ARE YOU ALL EMPLOYED? WHY DO YOU HAVE A JOB IF  
9 YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO HELP THOSE IN NEED?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE HAD INVESTIGATIONS, THEY'LL SHARE  
12 WITH YOU THE RESULT OF SOME OF THE INVESTIGATIONS. THANK YOU.  
13 NICK DESSIAN, AND STEVE DESSIAN, WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?  
14 WHICHEVER ORDER YOU WISH TO.

15

16 **NICK DESSIAN:** I'LL GIVE MY TIME TO PAR.

17

18 **PARVIZ ARIA:** MY NAME IS PARVIZ ARIA, I AM THE C.E.O. OF THE  
19 FARM FRESH RANCH MARKET IN THE ALTADENA LINCOLN CROSSING. ON  
20 JULY 21ST, '08 I SUBMITTED FARM FRESH RANCH MARKET CORPORATION  
21 NAME AS A CANDIDACY IN THE WEST PACK, WHICH IS IN ALTADENA.  
22 AND THE STAFF OF C.D.C., MR. JOHNSON, WHICH IS PRESENT HERE  
23 TODAY, LATER DATE FOUND THAT-- I FOUND OUT THAT C.D.C. DID NOT  
24 PUT MY NAME IN THE LIST OF THE CANDIDATES ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE  
25 COMMUNITIES WANTED TO VOTE FOR ME. SUBSEQUENTLY FARM FRESH DID



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1 NOT RECEIVE ANY VOTE. PRIOR TO JULY 28, THE ELECTION DAY, MS.  
2 SHARON WARFIELD REQUESTED FROM MY REPRESENTATIVE THAT I SHOULD  
3 PREPARE SOME STATE DOCUMENTS THAT PRESENTED TO THIS BODY,  
4 WHICH I DID IT TO WEST PACK. AND THEN I BELIEVE THIS WAS JUST  
5 TO MAKE A DELAY ON MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE BEING ELECTED. ON  
6 AUGUST 25TH, '08, AT WEST PACK MEETING, MS. SHARON WARFIELD,  
7 ON BEHALF OF MR. JOHNSON AND CHAIRPERSON MS. BRODAS STATED  
8 THAT PRIOR TO JULY 28TH ELECTION, THEY WERE ALL AWARE THAT  
9 FARM FRESH RANCH MARKET WOULD NOT BE PLACED ON THE BALLOTS.  
10 AND IT WILL BE BECAUSE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THAT LOCATION  
11 THAT I WAS OCCUPYING AT THAT TIME WILL BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER  
12 SUPERMARKET CALLED SUPER KING. SINCE EVERYBODY WAS PLAYING  
13 JOKE ON US AND EVERYBODY EXCEPT US KNEW THAT FARM FRESH WOULD  
14 NOT BE OPERATING AT THAT LOCATION ANY MORE ELIMINATED OF MY  
15 CANDIDACY WAS NOTHING BUT CONSPIRACY AND MISCONDUCT OF FEDERAL  
16 ELECTION LAWS AS WELL AS UNFAIR AND BIASED. I WOULD LIKE TO  
17 LET YOU KNOW THAT IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER WHO THE FARM FRESH  
18 RANCH MARKET IN ALTADENA CROSSING. COMMUNITY OF ALTADENA HAVE  
19 TRIED FOR 26 YEARS BRINGING A FULL SERVICE OPERATION TO THE  
20 COMMUNITY FOR THE REASON OF OTHER MAJOR SUPERMARKETS WILL  
21 NEVER COME TO THAT LOCATION. AND FINALLY THE CHAIN STORES WILL  
22 DEMAND MANY DEMANDS THAT WILL NOT MET. ON YEAR 2004, THE  
23 DEVELOPER DON PLATS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF COMMUNITY SINCE  
24 WE HAD ANOTHER STORE IN THE PASADENA FOR 30 YEARS AND  
25 HOLLYWOOD AND OTHER LOCATIONS, AND THEY PROMISED US THAT THEY



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1 WILL MAKE IT A TURNKEY PROJECT FOR US. BUT HOWEVER, WE  
2 FINISHED THE WORK BY OURSELVES WHICH WERE NOT FINISHED BY THE  
3 LANDLORD AND ALSO C.D.C. ALL ALONG THEY KNEW THAT THE LANDLORD  
4 IS NOT DOING HIS PERFORMANCE. THE PROJECT WAS PLEDGED--  
5 PLAGUED WITH CONSTANT MISMANAGEMENT AND DELAYS. AFTER ALMOST  
6 ONE YEAR DELAY WITH MOST CODE VIOLATIONS, FINALLY ON DECEMBER  
7 28TH FARM FRESH RANCH MARKET OPENED THEIR DOORS FOR THE  
8 PUBLIC, WITHOUT ANY HELP OF THE BUILDER. WE FINISHED THE WORK  
9 INSTEAD OF BUILDER. WHEREAS THE DEVELOPER COMMITTED MANY  
10 COUNTY CODE VIOLATIONS AS WELL AS VIOLATIONS TO THE LEASES TO  
11 THE EXTENT THAT INSPECTORS OF COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WOULD NOT  
12 ISSUE ANY TEMPORARY OCCUPANCY PERMIT T.O.C. UP-TO-DATE AT THIS  
13 MOMENT. HOWEVER THE DEVELOPER KEPT ENJOYING ALL VIOLATIONS  
14 WITHOUT COMMISSIONERS OF C.D.C. EITHER STOPPING THE PROJECT  
15 AND/OR DEMANDING THE VIOLATION TO BE CURED. DUE TO ONE YEAR  
16 DELAY IN OPENING, MAIN ACCESS ROADS WERE BLOCKED AND ALSO  
17 CONSTRUCTION WAS DELAYED AS WELL AS THE STENCH OF THE SMELL IN  
18 THE RETAIL STORE INSIDE AND THE PARKING LOT AND SEWER SYSTEM  
19 BACKUP. TENANTS SUFFERED IRREVERSIBLY AND EFFECT OF THE ABOVE  
20 PROBLEMS BECAME DETRIMENTAL TO OUR BUSINESSES UNTIL SOME  
21 TENANTS HAD TO CLOSE THEIR DOORS FOR GOOD. AS FOR FARM FRESH  
22 RANCH MARKET, WE SOLD TWO SUPER MARKETS PLUS TWO COMMERCIAL  
23 PROPERTY AND ONE WAREHOUSE AND ONE COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN  
24 ORDER TO SUPPORT THIS LOCATION. WE SEEK TIME TO TIME FINANCE  
25 HELP FROM C.D.C. AND/OR MR. ANTONOVICH'S OFFICES, BUT FOR



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1 UNKNOWN REASONS, THEY REJECTED OUR REQUESTS. UPON OPENING THE  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ STORE, FARM FRESH RANCH MARKET AND THE DEVELOPER HAS  
3 ONGOING NEGOTIATION REFERENCE TO THE TENANT IMPROVEMENT WHICH  
4 WAS SUPPOSED TO BE INITIALLY ABSORBED BY THE DEVELOPER ON  
5 TURNKEY BASIS. THE DEVELOPER DEMANDED \$800,000 AND THE  
6 UNILATERALLY INCREASED THAT TO 1.5 MILLION, SUBSEQUENT TO THE  
7 DEVELOPERS SUED FARM FRESH FOR 1 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS. THAT WAS  
8 IMMEDIATELY AT THE TIME THAT WE OPENED THE STORE. FARM FRESH,  
9 FOR THE SAKE OF CONCENTRATING ON THEIR BUSINESS, AGREED AND  
10 SETTLED WITH DEVELOPER \$1.5 MILLION PLUS \$250,000 CASH TO BE  
11 PAID DURING DECEMBER '07 AND JANUARY '08. BUT AT THIS AT THIS  
12 TIME MANY JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE DEVELOPER BY THE CONTRACTOR  
13 ARRIVED TO THE DEVELOPER OFFICE, WHICH MR. JOHNSON AND C.D.C.,  
14 ALL OF WHOM ARE AWARE OF THIS MATTERS. SUBSEQUENTLY FOR THE  
15 WRIT OF ATTACHMENT THAT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION TO FARM FRESH,  
16 WE HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO PAY SOME OF THE \$250,000 CASH EITHER  
17 TO--

18  
19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, SIR. WE GAVE YOU ALL  
20 THREE TIMES.

21  
22 **PARVIZ ARIA:** I WILL MAKE IT JUST ONE FINAL REMARK ON THAT.

23  
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** VERY, VERY FAST BECAUSE YOUR TIME HAS  
25 PASSED.



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2 **PARVIZ ARIA:** VERY, VERY FAST, MA'AM. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE  
3 HAVE BEEN LOTS OF UNJUSTICE IN THAT LOCATION. SO MANY PEOPLE  
4 HAVE LOST. I HAVE LOST \$15 MILLION PLUS. WE HAVE LOST TWO  
5 BUILDING THAT IS \$50 MILLION WE HAVE PUT IN THIS PROJECT. THE  
6 TRUSTEE NOW HAS CLOSED OUR DOORS, HUNDRED EMPLOYEES ARE OUT.  
7 AT THE SAME TIME WE BELIEVE THAT THIS BODY, ESPECIALLY MR.  
8 MIKE ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE, DID NOT DO THE JOB THAT THEY WERE DO  
9 FOR THE PUBLIC--

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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13 **PARVIZ ARIA:** -- TO BE RECALLING MR. MIKE ANTONOVICH. THANK YOU  
14 VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THERE'S SOMEONE FROM HIS OFFICE?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THAT CASE, THE COURT-- THIS WAS A  
19 MANAGEMENT TENANT ISSUE. AND THE COURT RULED IN FAVOR OF THE  
20 OWNER OF THE PROJECT, AND THAT WAS THE COURT DECISION. AND THE  
21 COMMUNITY VOTED FOR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD THAT  
22 THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CREATED FOR THE OVERSEEING OF THAT  
23 PROJECT.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, COUNTY COUNSEL  
2   CAN ADDRESS THOSE. REVEREND C.R. TILLMAN AND KIMBERLY JOHNSON.

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4   **PARVIZ ARIA:** THANK YOU.

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6   **NICK DESSIAN:** THANKS.

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALSO JAHİ ESANNASON CAN COME FORWARD, TOO.  
9   MR. SACHS, YOU MAY WANT TO START FORWARD.

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. HAVE A SEAT, SIR  
12   AND STATE YOUR NAME.

13

14   **JAHİ ESANNASON:** JAHİ ESANNASON. I'M HERE TO ASK THE BOARD FOR  
15   ASSISTANCE WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. I'M A SINGLE  
16   PARENT OF THREE. HAVE BEEN SO FOR 10 YEARS. I'VE RECENTLY BEEN  
17   REFERRED TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR SMACKING MY  
18   YOUNGEST CHILD. WHEN ASKING FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES FOR  
19   CLARIFICATION ON THE LAW ON SPANKING MY CHILD, THEY REFUSED TO  
20   GIVE ME ANY INFORMATION WHATSOEVER. I'VE BEEN ASKING THEM FOR  
21   HELP FOR QUITE SOME TIME. I'VE BEEN TREATED UNFAIRLY BY MY  
22   SOCIAL WORKER. AND I NEED HELP. THEY'RE MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE  
23   FOR ME TO TAKE CARE OF MY CHILDREN. THEY ARE ASKING FOR  
24   UNREASONABLE TIME IN ORDER FOR THEM TO SEE MY CHILDREN. I WORK  
25   A FULL JOB. I ASKED THEM TO GIVE ME A WEEK'S NOTICE BEFORE YOU





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1 COME TO SEE THE CHILDREN AND THE SOCIAL WORKER HAS GIVEN ME  
2 DIFFICULTY ON DOING SO. SO I'M HERE TO ASK FOR HELP FROM THAT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
5 WILL SPEAK TO YOU.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

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9 **JAHI ESANNASON:** I LIVE IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORN.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SOMEONE FROM OUR OFFICE IS HERE.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HER OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK WENDY TATE'S HERE, ALSO. AND  
16 SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOMEONE WILL MEET WITH YOU.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WENDY TATE WAS HERE A MOMENT AGO. OKAY. YOU  
21 HAD TO SPEAK WITH HIM? OKAY. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M GOING TO SPEAK FIRST, MADAME PRESIDENT.

24 THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. TO TALK ABOUT METRO AGAIN. I JUST

25 WANTED TO BRING UP A FEW THINGS BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW, THE HALF



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1 CENT SALES TAX IS ON THE BALLOT FOR THIS NOVEMBER, AN  
2 IMPORTANT MOMENT IN THE COUNTY. AND I'D LIKE TO QUOTE FROM  
3 SOME OF THE ARTICLES THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE NEWSPAPER.  
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, QUOTE, "IT'S A UTILITARIAN COUNTRY.  
5 SOMEONE HAS TO STAND UP AND SAY THIS IS NONSENSE. SO I'M  
6 STANDING UP TO SAY THIS IS NONSENSE." SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID,  
7 "THIS IS A PLAN, A SCHEME TO GET MORE FOR THE ONE SIDE OF TOWN  
8 VERSUS THE OTHER. A LITTLE CHOO-CHOO ON THE BALLOT. BACK ROOM  
9 DEALS BETWEEN THE M.T.A. AND MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA. A POLITICAL  
10 PORK BARREL RIP OFF. ILL CONCEIVED RUSH JOB FORCED THROUGH BY  
11 M.T.A. AND THE CITY. STATE LAWMAKERS DEVELOPED STRATEGY FOR  
12 WHO WOULD GET THE BIG PIECE OF THE PIE FROM SALES TAX." AND  
13 THAT'S ALL FUN AND GOOD AND WELL AND DONE EXCEPT FOR ONE  
14 LITTLE PROBLEM HERE THAT I DON'T KNOW. 2003, STATE BILL 314 BY  
15 MURRAY WAS CREATED TO GIVE METRO AN ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO  
16 PLACE A HALF CENT SALES TAX ON THE BALLOT WITH SPECIFIED  
17 CONDITIONS THE FUEHRER BILL THAT EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT IS  
18 ACTUALLY A BILL THAT WILL CHANGE THE SPECIFICS OF THIS HALF  
19 CENT SALES TAX. SO ALL THIS TALK ABOUT BACK ROOM DEALING AND  
20 RUSH JOBS AND LITTLE CHOO-CHOOS AND ALL THIS OTHER BALONEY,  
21 PLEASE, WHAT HAPPENED FROM THE YEAR 2003 WHEN THE ACTUAL, THE  
22 MURRAY BILL FOR THE ORIGINAL HALF CENT SALES TAX, WHICH WAS TO  
23 FUND 18 PROJECTS FOR A TOTAL OF \$4.5 BILLION WAS PUT ON THE  
24 BILL? WHERE HAVE YOU ALL BEEN? THAT'S FIVE YEARS AGO. AND I'D  
25 ALSO LIKE TO JUST POINT OUT REALLY QUICKLY THAT AN ARTICLE



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1 FROM THE METRO MAGAZINE STATES THAT 1980, PROPOSITION A WAS  
2 PASSED. WILSHIRE SUBWAY FROM DOWNTOWN TO FAIR FAX AVENUE. WE  
3 HAVE THE WEST SIDE EXTENSION TRANSIT CORRIDOR, ALTERNATIVE  
4 ANALYSIS F.A.Q. SHEET NUMBER 1. WILSHIRE WESTERN TO PICO SAN  
5 VICENTE, IN 1994 FULL FUNDING GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL  
6 GOVERNMENT. 1998 IT WAS CANCELED. LACK OF FUNDING. WHAT  
7 HAPPENED? THERE'S 17 STUDIES FOR THE WILSHIRE CORRIDOR. 28  
8 YEARS OF STUDYING FOR THE WILSHIRE CORRIDOR. THIS IS A  
9 SYMPOSIUM FROM S.C.A.G., SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA GOVERNANCE.  
10 TAKING STRATEGIES FROM CONCEPT TO ADOPTION TO IMPLEMENTATION.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** CONCEPTS. WHEN DO WE GET AN ADOPTION AND  
15 IMPLEMENTATION? THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR  
16 ATTENTION.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME? KIMBERLY JOHNSON?  
19 LENGANJI CHASE SIAME AND ETHELL JOHNSON. PLEASE COME FORWARD.  
20 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, REVEREND TILLMAN. PLEASE STATE YOUR  
21 NAME.

22

23 **REV. C. TILLMAN:** OH THANK YOU. I WAS WAITING FOR SOMEONE NOT  
24 TO SHOW UP.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, YOU'RE UP.

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3    **REV. C. TILLMAN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS REVEREND C.R. TILLMAN  
4    AND I'M COMING TO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 27 AND ASK FOR  
5    RECONSIDERATION. IF THAT IS NOT GRANTED BY WAY OF MOTION, THEN  
6    I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS BODY ON ITEM NUMBER 50, PUBLIC  
7    COMMENT AND APPLY THAT TO ITEM NUMBER. 27.

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9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FINE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. PROCEED.

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11    **REV. C.R. TILLMAN:** I DO WANT TO GIVE DUE RESPECT, MADAME MAYOR  
12    AND ALSO TO SUPERVISOR KNABE AND ALSO SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND OF  
13    COURSE MY SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH. WE ARE IN A HISTORICAL  
14    PERIOD OF THIS COUNTRY. AND I'M DEMONSTRATING THAT BY THE T-  
15    SHIRT OF OBAMA AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, THE THINGS THAT THEY  
16    STOOD FOR, THE CIVIL RIGHTS THAT THEY WENT THROUGH IN THAT  
17    TIME PERIOD AND THE ELECTION THAT WE HAVE COMING UP IN  
18    NOVEMBER. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY THE ELECTION THAT WE JUST HAD  
19    JULY 28TH. AND THIS IS THE THIRD ELECTION I PERSONALLY HAVE  
20    BEEN INVOLVED IN. AND THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THAT THERE HAS  
21    BEEN A PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR BY C.D.C. THAT GIVES THE IMPRESSION  
22    THAT THE ELECTION WAS UNFAIR. CERTAINLY IT'S EASIER TO SAY  
23    THAT THAN DEMONSTRATE THAT FACTS THAT DEMONSTRATE THAT. BUT  
24    THE KEY FACT WAS THIS: FARM FRESH MARKET IS IN A DISPUTE WITH  
25    THE LANDLORD. HE DISPLAYED THAT EARLIER. AND THE COURT MADE A



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1 RULING. AND C.D.C. WAS AWARE OF THE DISPUTE. AS A RESULT OF  
2 THAT KNOWLEDGE, WE BELIEVE IT INFLUENCED C.D.C. EITHER  
3 SUBCONSCIOUSLY OR CONSCIOUSLY TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION TO THE  
4 COMMUNITY THAT WAS VOTING THAT THEY DID NOT WANT FARM FRESH  
5 REPRESENTED WITH MYSELF AND FARM FRESH ON THE PACK. NOW,  
6 THERE'S ONLY THREE POSSIBILITIES. EITHER THE CHAIRMAN OF A  
7 MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CORPORATION IS SO STUPID AND SO  
8 UNINFORMED AND SO CLUMSY THAT HE COULD NOT FIGURE OUT HOW TO  
9 PUT A BALLOT IN THE BALLOT BOX OR C.D.C. DID UNDUE INFLUENCE  
10 AND THEY INTIMIDATED HIM NOT TO VOTE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T LIKE  
11 HIS REPRESENTATIVE OR HIS CORPORATION, OR LASTLY, SOMEONE  
12 TAMPERED WITH THE ELECTION BOX, AS HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE IN A  
13 PREVIOUS ELECTION. SO I'M HERE TO SAY THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO  
14 HAVE THAT ADDRESSED. AND THEN MORE IMPORTANTLY ON THE LEGAL  
15 FRONT, ON ITEM NUMBER SECTION 600 OF THE PACK APPROVAL IT  
16 STATES THAT THIS BOARD IS SUPPOSED TO APPROVE OUR ELECTIONS  
17 WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ELECTION, WHICH DIDN'T TAKE PLACE. AND  
18 THAT'S A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE RULES. BUT LASTLY, I'M  
19 MOTIVATED TO GIVE MY PRESENTATION BECAUSE OF WHAT OBAMA BRINGS  
20 TO THE TABLE AS FAR AS CHANGE. THIS WHOLE ELECTION WITH THE  
21 PRESIDENT WILL BOIL DOWN TO TWO LETTERS. O.B., WHICH IS OH  
22 BEAUTIFUL. OR M.P., MILITARY POLICE. AND I THINK BUSH AND  
23 MCCAIN DON'T REPRESENT ANY REAL CHANGE AND I'M ASKING THIS  
24 BODY TO SHOW SOME CHANGE IN HOW WE DO BUSINESS AS USUAL AS FAR  
25 AS THE ELECTION IS CONCERNED. MEANING THAT WE WILL NO LONGER



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1 RUBBER STAMP QUESTIONABLE ELECTIONS BUT GET TO THE TRUTH, AND  
2 HAVE SOME REAL CHANGE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **REV. C. TILLMAN:** THANK YOU VERY KINDLY.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** KIMBERLY?

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** -- THERE WAS A PREVIOUS SPEAKER WHO HAD  
11 MENTIONED THAT, AS WELL. THE ELECTION AND THE COURT RULING.

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13 **BILL JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M BILL JOHNSON. I'M  
14 THE SENIOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER WITH THE COMMUNITY  
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. AND I WAS THERE FOR THE ELECTION. THE  
16 SPECIFIC ISSUE IS AROUND ONE CANDIDATE. I SHOULD BACK UP A  
17 MOMENT AND JUST SAY THAT 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ACTUAL ELECTION,  
18 WE HAVE A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING. WE PASS OUT A PACKET OF  
19 WHAT THE PROCEDURES ARE. AND WE BASICALLY REQUEST ANYONE WHO  
20 IS GOING TO BE A CANDIDATE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AT LEAST A  
21 WEEK IN ADVANCE OF THE ELECTION MEETING IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR  
22 NAME ON THE BALLOT. ONE GROUP THAT WANTED TO RUN IN THE  
23 BUSINESS CATEGORY INDICATED THEY WANTED TO RUN BUT DID NOT  
24 PROVIDE THEIR DOCUMENTATION IN TIME TO HAVE THEIR NAME ON THE  
25 BALLOT. AND THAT WAS MR. ARIA WITH FARM FRESH WHO ALSO



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1 DESIGNATED MR. TILLMAN AS HIS REPRESENTATIVE. AT THE NIGHT OF  
2 THE MEETING, WHEN MR. ARIA WANTED TO BE ABLE TO VOTE, I  
3 INFORMED HIM THAT HE NEEDED TO GIVE ME THE DOCUMENTATION  
4 NEEDED TO HAVE A CANDIDATE. HE THEN PROVIDED THE  
5 DOCUMENTATION. OUR BYLAWS ALLOW WRITE-IN CANDIDATES. SO HE WAS  
6 ADDED AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE. THE NAME IS ACTUALLY ALSO  
7 POSTED IN THE ROOM WHERE THE ELECTION IS HELD. AND IT WAS ON  
8 THE BOARD FOR ALL TO SEE. APPARENTLY MR. ARIA, WHO HAD A  
9 BALLOT, DID NOT VOTE FOR HIS OWN CANDIDATE. BECAUSE WHEN THE  
10 BALLOTS WERE TALLIED BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
11 PASADENA, THERE WERE NO VOTES FOR FARM FRESH AND MR. TILLMAN.  
12 SO WITH NO VOTES, HE WAS NOT THEN DESIGNATED AS AN ELECTED  
13 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PACK. THE PACK DOES HAVE OTHER  
14 VACANCIES, AND THERE ARE PROCEDURES IN THE BYLAWS FOR FILLING  
15 THOSE VACANCIES THAT OCCUR. IT'S ONLY THE PACK THAT CAN FILL  
16 THE VACANCIES. THE BOARD HAS DESIGNATED THAT AUTHORITY TO  
17 THEM. THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO IT AT ONE OF THEIR MEETINGS. SO  
18 THAT OPTION IS STILL OPEN FOR CANDIDATES THAT MEET THE  
19 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE COURT DECISION?

22

23 **BILL JOHNSON:** I'M SORRY.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE COURT DECISION?





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**BILL JOHNSON:** OH. THERE IS AN ISSUE RELATIVE TO TIMING. IN THE  
BYLAWS, THERE IS A 15-DAY APPEAL PERIOD AFTER THE ELECTION.  
AND THEN THERE IS ALSO A STATEMENT IN THAT SAME PARAGRAPH  
ABOUT 30 DAYS BY WHICH TO BRING IT TO THE BOARD. THERE SIMPLY  
ISN'T A REASONABLE TIME FRAME TO WAIT FOR AN APPEAL, WHICH WAS  
IN THIS CASE FILED ON THE 15TH DAY. AND THEN ALSO SUBMIT A  
BOARD LETTER IN ORDER TO HAVE IT ON THE AGENDA WITHIN THE 30  
DAYS. WE USE OUR BEST EFFORTS TO BRING THIS ELECTION TO THE  
BOARD.

11

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M REFERRING TO THE LAWSUIT THAT FARM FRESH  
HAD FILED AGAINST THE DEVELOPER. AND THE COURT RULED ON THAT.

14

**BILL JOHNSON:** MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE BROUGHT UP BY MR.  
ARIA AND REFERRED TO BRIEFLY BY MR. TILLMAN WERE SUBJECT TO  
LITIGATION BETWEEN THE LANDLORD AND THE TENANT SOMETIME AGO.  
AT THAT POINT, THEN, THEY ARE A LANDLORD-TENANT DISPUTE AND IT  
WENT THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM. IT HAD ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO  
WITH THE ELECTION ITSELF, WHICH IS CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE REQUIREMENTS IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND  
THAT IS WHAT WE'RE ASKING THE BOARD TO ADOPT TODAY.

23

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. BUT WHAT DID THE COURT RULE? WHAT WAS  
THE RULING ON THE COURT DECISION ON THAT TENANT DISPUTE?

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2 **BILL JOHNSON:** THE RULING WAS THAT THE LANDLORD WAS ABLE TO  
3 TAKE THE PROPERTY ITSELF AFTER A LENGTHY, PROTRACTED  
4 LITIGATION. IT WENT TO A TRUSTEE. AND THE TRUSTEE MADE THE  
5 DETERMINATION, THEN, THAT THE LANDLORD COULD RETAKE THE  
6 PROPERTY AND RELEASE IT.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAS THE PROPERTY BEEN RELEASED OR LEASED  
9 AGAIN?

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11 **BILL JOHNSON:** YES.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT MARKET WILL BE OPENING UP THIS COMING  
14 MONTH?

15

16 **BILL JOHNSON:** SUPER KING, IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, IS THE MARKET  
17 THAT WILL BE OPENING IN TWO WEEKS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TWO WEEKS. AND THE COURT RULED THAT THE  
20 PROPERTY OWNER HAD THE RIGHT TO TAKE THE ACTION AGAINST HIS  
21 TENANT?

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23 **BILL JOHNSON:** YES.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT BROUGHT A LAWSUIT AGAINST HIM.



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2 **BILL JOHNSON:** YES. AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING CONTRARY TO  
3 THAT, SUPERVISOR.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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7 **REV. C. TILLMAN:** MADAME CHAIR, MAY I HAVE JUST 30 SECONDS TO  
8 DISPUTE?

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. KIMBERLY JOHNSON,  
11 LENGANJI CHASE SIAME AND ETHELL JOHNSON. THANK YOU. STATE YOUR  
12 NAME. ARE YOU MISS JOHNSON?

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14 **ETHELL JOHNSON:** YES. I'M ETHELL JOHNSON. KIMBERLY JOHNSON IS  
15 MY NIECE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS SHE STILL HERE?

18

19 **ETHELL JOHNSON:** I DON'T KNOW.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** KIMBERLY JOHNSON?

22

23 **ETHELL JOHNSON:** SHE'S ON THE D.P.S.S. SHE'S ON CHILDREN,  
24 D.P.S.S. WORKER, SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE SHE IS.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE MUST HAVE LEFT.

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3    **ETHELL JOHNSON:** WHY I'M HERE THIS MORNING IS TO CONFRONT THAT  
4    IN THE AREA DISTRICT 2 IN COMPTON, THE CHILDREN THERE IN THE  
5    SCHOOLS ARE VERY, VERY CROWDED. THE DISTRICT NOW IS-- I WANT  
6    THEM TO EXPLAIN ARE THEY GOING TO STILL USE THE SHERIFF'S  
7    DEPARTMENT IN DISTRICT 2? OR ARE THEY GOING TO USE COMPTON  
8    P.D.? I MEAN THERE'S A RUMOR. I HATE TO HEAR RUMORS WHEN I'M  
9    OUT THERE ON THE STREET SOMEWHERE. I ALSO WANTED TO SPEAK TO  
10   MR. MIKE ANTONOVICH, HONORABLE MIKE. HONORABLE MIKE ANTONOVICH  
11   I KNOW YOU SENT MY PAPERS TO SAN DIMAS AS A VETERAN AND  
12   EVERYTHING. AND I HAVEN'T GOTTEN MY B.V.A. HEARING. I HAD THE  
13   B.V.A. HEARING MARCH THE 27TH, AND I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING  
14   FROM ANYBODY. BUT BRIAN THAT'S OVER IN YOUR AREA, HE DID DO  
15   THE GROUND MAINTENANCE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING AND I DO WANT  
16   THAT KNOWN. HE DID THE FLOORS, YOU CAN JUST SEE YOURSELF IN  
17   IT. BUT RIGHT NOW, I'M UNDECIDED. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR AN  
18   ANSWER FROM THE B.V.A. HEARING FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. AND I  
19   HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM. BUT AS FAR AS THE ELECTION, YOU'RE  
20   GOING TO HEAR A WHOLE LOT OF THINGS ABOUT THE ELECTION AND  
21   EVERYTHING LIKE THAT. BUT MY FAMILY'S TRYING TO GET ME TO COME  
22   TO LANCASTER, YOU KNOW, MOVE DOWN THERE. BUT I LIKE THE AREA.  
23   THE AREA'S OPENING UP FOR THE BEST, FOR THE PEOPLE, FOR ALL  
24   MINORITIES, NOT JUST ONE MINORITY BUT ALL MINORITIES. AND I  
25   COME HERE AND THEY MAKE ME STAY ABOUT FIVE DAYS OR SO BUT I'M



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1 ENJOYING MYSELF. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE QUARREL BETWEEN COUNTY  
2 AND CITY. NOW, COUNTY GOT \$18 MILLION. THAT WAS DISTRICT 2.  
3 THAT WAS MRS. YVONNE BURKE. SO NOW THEY'RE TRYING TO QUESTION  
4 THE MEETING IN COMPTON AND THEY WANT TO REMOVE THE LAW  
5 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM COMPTON AND USE THEIR OWN. AM I  
6 CORRECT OR NOT?

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, PARDON ME?

9

10 **ETHELL JOHNSON:** IS THAT CORRECT?

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO WHAT?

13

14 **ETHELL JOHNSON:** TO REMOVE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** POLICE DEPARTMENT. WELL, IT'S UNDER THE  
17 SHERIFF AT THIS POINT. I THINK THERE'S SOME PEOPLE DISCUSSING  
18 THAT THEY'D RATHER HAVE THEIR OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT AGAIN. BUT  
19 AS FAR AS I KNOW, NOTHING HAS HAPPENED IN THAT REGARD.  
20 INFORMAL.

21

22 **ETHELL JOHNSON:** BECAUSE WE HAVE THE YOUTH ON ALAMEDA. IT SAYS  
23 YOUTH COUNTY. IT'S COUNTY. THE CHILDREN DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO  
24 GO OR ANY PLACE, BUT WE HAVE A BIG OLD VACANT LOT RIGHT THERE,  
25 RIGHT NEXT TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. THOSE KIDS ARE OUT THERE.



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1    THEY DON'T GO TO SCHOOL. THEY'RE HOMELESS. THEY DOING ALL KIND  
2    OF THINGS. AND IT HURTS ME BECAUSE I CAME FROM THE AREA, YOU  
3    KNOW.

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5    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE FROM OUR OFFICE WILL TALK TO YOU  
6    ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR LOCATION.

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8    **ETHELL JOHNSON:** BUT WE NEED ALL OF YOU. WE NEED THE HELP TO  
9    PUT THOSE CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL.

10

11    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I CERTAINLY AGREE WITH THAT.

12

13    **ETHELL JOHNSON:** SEE I LOST A LOT OF FAMILY, MY MOTHER, MY  
14    FATHER, MY SISTER AND RIGHT NOW I GOT TWO EMERGENCIES. I GOT  
15    TWO CANCER PATIENTS.

16

17    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED. BUT  
18    SOMEONE FROM OUR OFFICE WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE SITE THAT  
19    YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. I THINK IT'S IN CITY OF COMPTON.

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21    **ETHELL JOHNSON:** YEAH, WELL I STILL, I WOULD LIKE TO GET PAID  
22    BECAUSE RIGHT NOW I'M TOO OLD.

23

24    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES.

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1   **LENGANJI CHASE SIAME:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MR.  
2   LENGANJI CHASE SIAME. I ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES FROM CHICAGO IN  
3   AUGUST OF 2004 AND ENROLLED FOR CLASSES AT THE SOUTHERN  
4   CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE, S.C.I.ARC. HALFWAY  
5   THROUGH THE SEMESTER I BECAME FINANCIALLY STRANDED. I CALLED  
6   MY MOTHER, MRS. MERCY SICHENGA SIAME IN CENTRAL AFRICA, ZAMBIA  
7   AND ASKED FOR HER HELP. SHE SENT ME \$800 WHICH IS ALL THAT SHE  
8   COULD SPARE AT THE TIME. MR. MICHAEL PATRICK FLETCHER FROM  
9   CHICAGO REFUSED TO RETURN MY PHONE CALLS AND IGNORED HIS  
10   OBLIGATIONS TO PAY ME BACK \$1200 THAT HE HAD BORROWED FROM ME.  
11   NONETHELESS, I PERSEVERED AND STRUGGLED UNTIL I GRADUATED ON  
12   THE 17TH OF DECEMBER, 2004. I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS  
13   THAT I SHOULD NOT HAVE LEFT CHICAGO WITHOUT THE RIGHT KIND OF  
14   FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR MY TUITION AND UPKEEP HERE IN LOS  
15   ANGELES. SOMETHING IS NOT BEING DONE RIGHT IN MY BUSINESS  
16   ORGANIZATION. AND I DEMAND FOR AN EXPLANATION. IF THIS IS  
17   ANOTHER CONSPIRACY BY SOME UNKNOWN PERSON TO TAKE OVER MY  
18   ORGANIZATION, I AM IN ABSOLUTE DISAGREEMENT. I CANNOT IGNORE  
19   MY LEADERSHIP OBLIGATIONS. I KNOW ABSOLUTELY WITH A CLEAR  
20   RESOLVE IN MY MIND AND WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT THIS IS MY  
21   BUSINESS ORGANIZATION BECAUSE IT HAS MANIFESTED ITSELF WITH  
22   FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF MY OWN. SO WHAT I NEED TO KNOW IS WERE  
23   THESE BUSINESSES ORGANIZED AND STRUCTURED UNDER A GOVERNMENT  
24   DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT THEY REMAIN VIABLE UNTIL MY ARRIVAL  
25   HERE IN THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THESE





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1   BUSINESSES WERE CREATED A LONG TIME AGO WHEN I WAS JUST A  
2   YOUNG BOY. I CANNOT THINK OF ANY OTHER ENTITY APART FROM THE  
3   U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT COULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THESE BUSINESSES  
4   SO WELL AND FOR SUCH A LONG TIME. I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY  
5   EXCEPT FOR A BIG THANK YOU TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IN  
6   THIS REGARD, THE FIDUCIARY MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED.  
7   FURTHERMORE, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON YOU, THE LOS ANGELES  
8   COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PLEASE TELL ME WHO TO CONTACT  
9   FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AS I TAKE UP MY LEADERSHIP ROLE IN MY  
10  BUSINESS ORGANIZATION.

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12  **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK WE'LL HAVE TO HAVE SOMEONE  
13  FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL EXPLAIN THAT TO YOU. WE AREN'T  
14  PREPARED TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT. BECAUSE IT INVOLVES YOUR  
15  OWN PERSONAL BUSINESS. BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17  **LENGANJI CHASE SIAME:** SO SHOULD I WAIT FOR SOMEBODY TO COME  
18  AND EXPLAIN TO ME?

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20  **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT FIRST OF ALL, WE DON'T GET  
21  INVOLVED IN PERSONAL BUSINESS AND PRIVATE BUSINESS, YOU  
22  UNDERSTAND THAT.

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24  **LENGANJI CHASE SIAME:** OH, YES, I UNDERSTAND THAT.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO YOUR REMEDY IS THROUGH THE COURTS. AND  
2    THE COUNTY COUNSEL CAN TELL YOU WHERE YOU GO TO FILE YOUR  
3    LAWSUIT SO YOU CAN SUE WHOEVER IT IS THAT HAS YOUR BUSINESS.  
4    WE DON'T GET INVOLVED IN THOSE SITUATIONS AS FAR AS PRIVATE  
5    BUSINESSES.

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7    **LENGANJI CHASE SIAME:** EVEN WHEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
8    IS INVOLVED?

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10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY NOT. WE'D HAVE TO GO TO THE  
11   UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. WE ONLY HAVE AUTHORITY AS IT RELATES  
12   TO COUNTY ISSUES. WE CAN'T GO BEYOND THAT. SO THE COUNTY  
13   COUNSEL WILL EXPLAIN THAT TO YOU.

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15   **LENGANJI CHASE SIAME:** OKAY. SO IN OTHER WORDS THERE'S NOTHING  
16   THAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP ME?

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18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. NOTHING. SORRY.

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20   **LENGANJI CHASE SIAME:** AT LEAST I KNOW THAT. THANK YOU VERY  
21   MUCH.

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23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SORRY WE CAN'T DO  
24   ANYTHING. YES?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
2 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
3 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER C.S.-1  
4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,  
5 ITEM NUMBER C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
6 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ITEM NUMBER C.S.-3,  
7 CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AND  
8 ITEMS 42 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
9 LITIGATION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION A, OF GOVERNMENT CODE  
10 SECTION 54546.9. THANK YOU.

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